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Arshaq Saleem (left in green) and Valeriy Kosokin playing at the Iowa Quick Chess Championship. In the far back is IM Angelo Young as black vs. Jim White. In the forefront Dave Wolz in the hat.

Oct. 5. 1st Coe College Fall Open. 4-SS, G45, i5. Coe College, Gage Memorial Union, 1220 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. **Reg**: 8-9am; **Rds**: 9-10:45-1:15-3. **EF**: $10 if postmarked by 10/2; $15 on site. **Prize Info**: Prizes will be taken from entrance fees. The number of prizes awarded will depend upon the number of entrants. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee**: Coe Chess Club, 1220 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Registration will take place on the top floor of the Gage Memorial Union. Brunch is open to the public. Will be served from 10:30-12:45. Cost is under $7.50 per person. **Additional info**: Jacob Ulrich, 319-431-6179, chessclub@coe.edu.

Oct. 18. 2014 Cedar Rapids Open. 4-SS, G/60, One Day Open, IASCA Mini-Qualifier. *Accerated pairings will be used.* **Where:** Physician Clinic of Iowa Community Room (3rd Floor) 202 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. **Reg:** On Site: 8:30 am to 9:30 am. **Rounds:** 4 Rounds; G/60; +5 sec. Rd 1: 10:00 am, Rd 2: 1:00 pm, Rd 3: 3:30 pm, Rd 4: 6:30 pm. **Entry Fee:** $25 in advance. $30 on site. **Prize Info:** (Based pm 30 Entries) 1st Place = $175, 2nd Place = $125, Classe A, B, C, D, E & Unrated $50 each. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available.**IASCA membership required**, $15, $10 Jr. or Sr. On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee:** Payable to Chess in Iowa, c/o James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404, www.onlineregistration.cc, james.hodina@chessiniowa.org. **Directions:** I-380 7th Street Exit. North on 1st Ave to 10th Street, west 2 blocks. **FREE PARK** in ramp on south side. Take skywalk on 3rd floor to Community Resource Center. **Additional Info:** www.chessiniowa.org; james.hodina@chessiniowa.org; 319-432-1459.

Oct 25. The Quad City Chess Classic 2014. 2 Sections. Open and Reserve (U1400). 4 Rounds. Game in 70 minutes (65+5td). Moline Dispatch Annex, 515 18th St., Moline. Located in downtown Moline just off I-74. **Reg:** Onsite registration begins at 8:30. Rds: 9:30, 12:00, 2:30, 5:00 (or earlier, by agreement). **EF:** $25 if pre-registered by 10/19, $30 onsite **Prize Info:** All entry fees will be returned in prize money after expenses have been deducted. US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. **Send Entry Fee to:** Contact Gary Nordick (Gary.Chess@mediacombb.net) with questions. Mail pre-registration to Gary Nordick, 13011 28th St. West, Milan, IL 61264. Gary.Chess@mediacombb.net **Additional Info:** www.quadcitychess.com

Nov 8. 6th Annual Des Moines Fall Classic (IASCA Mini-Qualifier). Open to all; 4SS; G/75 + 5 sec delay; One 1/2 bye allowed, players entering after the start of round 1 will receive a one 1/2 bye. Ask an employee where is the Gray Hall. **Where:** Faith Baptist Bible College ,1900 NW Fourth Street; room location: Gray Hall 104 ,Ankeny ,IA 50023 **Reg:** 9:15-9:45 **Rounds:** 10-1-4-7 **Entry Fee:** Entry fee $20 (open and reserve section only); Family entry fee $20 **Prize Info:** $600 based on 40 entries (25 entrants for Open and 15 entrants for Reserve); Open 1st $200, Open 2nd $160, Under 1600 Reserve 1st $140, Under 1600 Reserve 2nd $100 **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. IASCA membership required**, $15, $10 Jr. or Sr. On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** Make a check payable to Mathew or you can pay cash at site. **Additional Info:** Other state membership accepted; no smoking; wheelchair accessible; please bring your set, clock, and board. A sign language/voice interpreter will be provided. Questions or comments to Mathew at mmjacob20@yahoo.com.

Nov 15. ICPL Kids Chess Tournament. This tournament is Unrated! 3rd thru 6th graders, (or younger if USCF Members) Special Section! Players over USCF 1000 will be in their own Section! Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn Street, Meeting Room A, Iowa City, IA 52240. **Reg**: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Email Eric Vigil for advance entry. eric.vigil@chessiniowa.com **Rds**: G/30 First Round of Play begins at 1:00pm and we will try to fit in as many rounds in before 4:30. Each round will start as soon as possible. **Entry Fee:** FREE! **Prize Info:** Trophies awarded for each grade. Ribbons for all Players! On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** Email Eric Vigil for advance entry. eric.vigil@chessiniowa.com. USCF Membership available on site. **Additional Info**: In Memory of Steve Young

Nov 22. 8th Annual Prairie Chess Series, Tournament #1 (USCF Rated). The first of three tournaments (11/22, 12/20, 1/17). Four sections will be held: K-2, K-5, K-8, and K-12. Sections K-2 and K-5 will play 5 Games at G/30. Sections K-8 and K-12 will play 4 games at G/45. Prairie Creek Intermediate School, 401 76th Avenue, (School Cafeteria), Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. **Reg**: On-site 8:30-9:45 am. **Rds**: K-2 and K-5: Rd 1 at 10:15 am, Rd 2 at 11:15 am, Lunch, Rd 3 at 1:00 pm, Rds 4 & 5 ASAP (estimated finish: 3:30, then trophies). K-8 and K-12: Rd 1 at 10:15, Lunch, Rd 2 at 12: 15 pm, Rds 3 & 4 ASAP (estimated finish, 4:30 pm). **EF**: $15 if registered before tournament (per

date). $18 on site. $30 for all three tournaments. (Play in two, get the third event free). Email registration then pay on site accepted. Credit cards accepted. **Prizes**: Tournament Trophies and Series Trophies for K-12, K-8, K-5, and K-2 Sections: Individual Tournament Trophies, K-2: 1st - 3rd Overall, U400 (Top Score), U200 (Top 2 Scores), Unrated (Top 2 Scores); K-5: 1st - 6th Overall, Top score U600, 400, 200, and Unrated; K-8: 1st-6th Overall, Top Score U800, U600, U400, Unrated; K-12: 1st-3rd Overall, U800, U600, Unrated. First Tournament Players: Medals for all players participating in their first USCF Rated Tournament. Series trophies: Total score from all three events and three highest school total scores (all players) from all 3 events. Series class prizes (e.g. U600) based on rating in January supplement: Team Trophies: Top three team scores for K-2, K-5, K-8, and K-12. Individual Trophies: Trophies awarded for same categories as individual tournament trophies (only bigger). USCF membership required. On-Site Available. **Send EF to**: James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pt. Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404, Email:james.hodina@chessiniowa.org, Phone:319-432-1459. Additional Info: James Hodina, james.hodina@chessiniowa.org, www.chessiniowa.org.

Dec. 6. 2014-15 Iowa Individual Grades Championship K-12. 4-SS. Ames Middle School, Ames, IA 50010. Compete against opponents only in your grade during this four round tournament. Grades K-6; G/30d5. Grades 7-12; G/45d5. Rds: K-6; 10-11:15-12:45-ASAP. Grades 7-12; 10-12-ASAP. Reg: 9-9:45am. Prizes: Prizes for each grade. Trophies for 1st-3rd Place and medals for 4th through 6th Place. Medals for those participating in their first chess tournament. EF: $15 if registered by 11/30. $20 at site. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. Send EF to: Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246 or email evigil@gmail.com on or before 11/30. Please include name, USCF ID#, and grade. Half-Point Bye available any round if requested before round 1.

Dec 20. 8th Annual Prairie Chess Series, Tournament #2 (USCF Rated). The second of three tournaments (11/22, 12/20, 1/17). Four sections will be held: K-2, K-5, K-8, and K-12. Sections K-2 and K-5 will play 5 Games at G/30. Sections K-8 and K-12 will play 4 games at G/45. Prairie Creek Intermediate School, 401 76th Avenue, (School Cafeteria), Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. **Reg**: On-site 8:30-9:45 am. **Rds**: K-2 and K-5: Rd 1 at 10:15 am, Rd 2 at 11:15 am, Lunch, Rd 3 at 1:00 pm, Rds 4 & 5 ASAP (estimated finish: 3:30, then trophies). K-8 and K-12: Rd 1 at 10:15, Lunch, Rd 2 at 12: 15 pm, Rds 3 & 4 ASAP (estimated finish, 4:30 pm). **EF**: $15 if registered before tournament (per date). $18 on site. $30 for all three tournaments. (Play in two, get the third event free). Email registration then pay on site accepted. Credit cards accepted. **Prizes**: Tournament Trophies and Series Trophies for K-12, K-8, K-5, and K-2 Sections: Individual Tournament Trophies, K-2: 1st - 3rd Overall, U400 (Top Score), U200 (Top 2 Scores), Unrated (Top 2 Scores); K-5: 1st - 6th Overall, Top score U600, 400, 200, and Unrated; K-8: 1st-6th Overall, Top Score U800, U600, U400, Unrated; K-12: 1st-3rd Overall, U800, U600, Unrated. First Tournament Players: Medals for all players participating in their first USCF Rated Tournament. Series trophies: Total score from all three events and three highest school total scores (all players) from all 3 events. Series class prizes (e.g. U600) based on rating in January supplement: Team Trophies: Top three team scores for K-2, K-5, K-8, and K-12. Individual Trophies: Trophies awarded for same categories as individual tournament trophies (only bigger). USCF membership required. On-Site Available. **Send EF to**: James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pt. Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404, Email:james.hodina@chessiniowa.org, Phone:319-432-1459. Additional Info: James Hodina, james.hodina@chessiniowa.org, www.chessiniowa.org.

Dec. 29. Anti-Hunger Games II. 3-SS. Christ the King Lutheran Church Iowa City, 325 Melrose, Iowa City, IA 52246. Time to spread some Holiday Love to fellow human beings. Prizes are sparce, but the idea is to play chess and raise money and gather food for the homeless. Bring a can if you can! **3 Sections**. Unrated, U1200 and Open. **Rounds**: Unrated and U1200 10-12-ASAP; G/30 d5. Open 10-12:30-ASAP; G/45 d5. **Reg**: 8:30-9:30am. **EF**: $7. Enter in advance at Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246 or email evigil@gmail.com. Prizes: Medals 1st-3rd Unrated Section. Medals 1st-5th U1200 Section. Medals 1st-3rd Open. Additional Info: Proceeds go to the Johnson County Crisis Center. If fewer than 8 participants in the Open section it will switch to G/60 d5 format with rounds at 10-1-ASAP. 319-621-3116, evigil@gmail.com.

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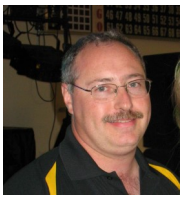
Hello From the Editor:

Inside you will find contributions from: Ron Nurmi, Eric Vigil, Jim Hodina, Arshaq Saleem, Peer Saleem, Robert Keating, Mathew Jacob, and John Herr. All pictures from Mark Capron.



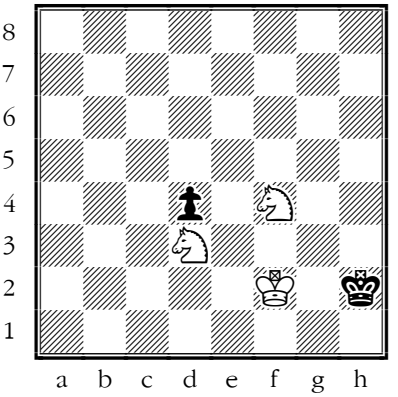
Among the items you will find inside is a nice article on time controls by John Herr; a few annotated games from Arshaq Saleem and Robert Keating; an excellent report on the Barber from Arshaq, and a long article on the Iowa Open.

The Iowa Open had 198 entries! Thanks to all who attended and made it a tournament to remember.

Note the address of the new website is www.iowa-chess.org. (just has a dash). Rex Gray has been developing this site over the past year. He has done a great job. Check it out when you can.

As always when you see chess news please submit it. —Mark Capron

Puzzle Time:



White to move and win in four

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Jan 10-11. Port of Dubuque Open (IASCA GP Qualifier) GPP: 10. 5-SS, G/90+30s. Grand Harbor Center, 500 Bell St., Dubuque, IA 52001 **$650 Guaranteed** $150+Trophy-100 U1800 $100; U1600 $100 U1400 $100. U1200 $100 EF: $45 till Jan 3rd then $55; IM and GM free with ($45 deducted from prize). Iowa State Membership Req'd, Other States Welcome. **Reg:** 8:30-9:45am. **Rds**: Sat 10:00am; 2:30pm; 7:30pm; Sun 9:00am; 2:00pm. One half point bye if requested before round 1. **HR:** $99 by cut-off date Jan 9, 2015, 563-690-4000. Grand Harbor Resort, 350 Bell St., Dubuque, IA 52001. **Ent:** Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. evigil@gmail.com 319-621-3116 or online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/

Jan 17. 8th Annual Prairie Chess Series, Tournament #3 (USCF Rated). The third of three tournaments (11/22, 12/20, 1/17). Four sections will be held: K-2, K-5, K-8, and K-12. Sections K-2 and K-5 will play 5 Games at G/30. Sections K-8 and K-12 will play 4 games at G/45. Prairie Creek Intermediate School, 401 76th Avenue, (School Cafeteria), Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. **Reg**: On-site 8:30-9:45 am. **Rds**: K-2 and K-5: Rd 1 at 10:15 am, Rd 2 at 11:15 am, Lunch, Rd 3 at 1:00 pm, Rds 4 & 5 ASAP (estimated finish: 3:30, then trophies). K-8 and K-12: Rd 1 at 10:15, Lunch, Rd 2 at 12: 15 pm, Rds 3 & 4 ASAP (estimated finish, 4:30 pm). **EF**: $15 if registered before tournament (per date). $18 on site. $30 for all three tournaments. (Play in two, get the third event free). Email registration then pay on site accepted. Credit cards accepted. **Prizes**: Tournament Trophies and Series Trophies for K-12, K-8, K-5, and K-2 Sections: Individual Tournament Trophies, K-2: 1st - 3rd Overall, U400 (Top Score), U200 (Top 2 Scores), Unrated (Top 2 Scores); K-5: 1st - 6th Overall, Top score U600, 400, 200, and Unrated; K-8: 1st-6th Overall, Top Score U800, U600, U400, Unrated; K-12: 1st-3rd Overall, U800, U600, Unrated. First Tournament Players: Medals for all players participating in their first USCF Rated Tournament. Series trophies: Total score from all three events and three highest school total scores (all players) from all 3 events. Series class prizes (e.g. U600) based on rating in January supplement: Team Trophies: Top three team scores for K-2, K-5, K-8, and K-12. Individual Trophies: Trophies awarded for same categories as individual tournament trophies (only bigger). USCF membership required. On-Site Available. **Send EF to**: James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pt. Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404, Email:james.hodina@chessiniowa.org, Phone:319-432-1459. Additional Info: James Hodina, james.hodina@chessiniowa.org, www.chessiniowa.org.

Jan 24. 2015 Iowa High School & K-8 State Championships Tournaments (USCF Denker & Barber Qualifying Event). The Iowa State Chess Association is pleased to host Denker and Barber qualifying event to determine the High School and Grade K-8 Champion. The Denker is open to high school students (9-12) only. Barber is open to students in grades K-8 only. Champions have the right to represent Iowa in the 2013 Denker Tournament of High School Champions and Barber K-8 State Champions to be held in Indianapolis, in August, 2015. Students must be under 19 as of 9/1/2014. In the case of a tie for first place, a match will be held at mutually agreed upon time to determine the representative to the national event **Where:** Jordan Creek Elementary School (Tentative) ,West Des Moines ,4105 Fuller Rd ,West Des Moines ,IA 50265 **Reg:** On-site registration will be from 9:00 to 9:45 am on the day of the tournament. **Rounds:** 4 games - 60 minutes per player per game. Games at 10:00, 12:30, Games 3 & 4 ASAP. If there are less than 8 players, TD reserves the right to cancel round 4. **Entry Fee:** $15 if registered by 1/22/2015, $20 at site. Pre-register by contacting Eric Vigil at evigil@gmail.com on or before 1/24/2015. Please include Name, USCF ID #, and grade. **Prize Info:** Trophies to Top 5 Overall. Denker: Top scores for USCF U1200, U1000, U800, U600 & Unrated. Barber: Top scores for USCF U1000, U800, U600, U400 & Unrated. Medals for first time tournament players **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** Submit to: Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr, Iowa City, IA 52246. Email: evigil@gmail.com (register by email and then pay on-site is acceptable). Include Name, USCF ID, Section, and School with your registration. **Additional Info:** Half-point bye available any round if requested before Rd 1.

Feb 7. 2015 Iowa Individual Scholastic Team Championships. Open to all schools with Grades K-12. This event is played as a traditional Open Swiss Format. Players from the same school will not play each other. Team scores are the total of the top 4 results of players from each team. 5-SS. G/30 d5. Reg: 8:30-9:30am. Rds: 10-11:15-Lunch-12:30-ASAP. Prizes: Trophies for Top 5 K-6 teams and Top 3 K-3 teams. Top 3 K-12 teams. Individual Trophies for Top 4 players of Winning

Teams. Top 4 players' individual results added for Elementary Team Score. Players scores that are counted toward placing in the K-6 section will not be counted toward the K-3 section prizes. Medals for first time tournament players. EF: $15 if registered by 2/6; $20 after and on site. Register online at www.onlineregistration.cc or at Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. Additional info: Schools with any eligible grades (K-12) may form a team. Examples School with grades 6-8 may form a K-6 team of 6th graders only. School with K-5 may form a K-6 team. 6th graders who are "alumni" of K-5 may NOT participate as part of team. School with grades 5-6, may participate as K-6 team. Half-point bye available any round if requested before Rd 1. evigil@gmail.com.

Feb 14. 2015 Iowa Girls Chess Championship. The Iowa State Chess Association is pleased to host the 2014 Iowa Girls Chess Championship. This is the IASCA qualifying event to represent Iowa at the USCF Girls National Chess Championship. **Where:** Ames Middle School, Ames, IA 50010 **Reg:** On-Site: 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Advanced entries must be received by 2/12/2015 - email or post mail. **Rounds:** G/45 delay 5 sec. Round 1 at 10:00 a.m., Round 2 at 12:15 p.m., Rounds 3 & 4 ASAP. If at the end of the 4th round a playoff will be held with all the tied players to determine a champion at the mutual agreement of the players. **Entry Fee:** $15 if registered by 2/12/2015, $20 on site. **Prize Info:** Trophies to Top 5 overall. Top scores for USCF 800, 600, 400, 200 & Unrated. Participant medals for all players. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** Submit to: Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. Email: evigil@gmail.com (register by email and then pay on-site is acceptable). Include Name, USCF ID, and School with your registration. **Additional Info:** Half-point bye available any round if requested before Rd 1.

Feb 21, 2015. Weber Borlaug 9th annual Chess Tournament. 5 rounds SS, G/30 one section! Unrated K-6 Limited to the first 150 entries. Registration begins at 9AM games set to begin at 10am. Borlaug Elementary School Iowa City, 1000 Kennedy Parkway, Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg**: Register by sending e-mail to eric.vigil@chessiniowa.com. **Rds**: 10am, ASAP after that. **Entry Fee:** Free, but Limited to the First 150 entries. Please enter early to guarantee a spot! **Prize Info:** Trophies to top 10 overall, top 5 female and 4 in each grade, and top 6 schools for k-6 **Send Entry Fee to**: Free, Register by sending e-mail to eric.vigil@chessiniowa.com. Borlaug Elementary BASP will be providing food concessions on site.

Feb 28. 2015 Cedar Rapids Leather Jackets Open. IASCA GP Qualifier. 5-SS. G/90 i30. Physician Clinic of Iowa, Community Resource Center, Third Floor, 202 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. **Reg**: 8:30-9:30am. **Rds**: 10-2:30-7:15; 9-2. **Prizes**: $730 b/16; 1st-250+Trophy; 2nd-175; 3rd-125; U2000 and U1800 $90 each. **EF**: $45 if registered on or before 2/26; $55 after or on site. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **IASCA membership required**, $15, $10 Jr. or Sr. On-Site Available. Register online at www.onlineregistration.cc or send to James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. James.Hodina@chessiniowa.org. Additional Info: Free parking in ramp across street (park and enter directly on second floor). 319-432-1459.

Feb 28. 2015 Cedar Rapids Leather Jackets Reserve U1600. 4-SS. G/75 i5. Physician Clinic of Iowa, Community Resource Center, Third Floor, 202 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. **Reg**: 8:30-9:30am. **Rds**: 10-1:15-4:15-7:15. **Prizes**: $730 b/24; 1st-140; 2nd-90; U1400, U1200 and U1000 $45 each. Unrateds eligible for 1st and 2nd only. **EF**: $25 if registered on or before 2/26; $35 after or on site. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. Register online at www.onlineregistration.cc or send to James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. James.Hodina@chessiniowa.org. Additional Info: Free parking in ramp across street (park and enter directly on second floor). 319-432-1459.

2014 Illinois Open

The 80 player Open section was won by Vladimir Georgiev of Illinois rated 2563. Iowa's Robert Keating and Arshaq Saleem competed and placed 14th and 17th, respectively, each scoring 4 out of 6. They split the U2200 prize with 3 other players.

In the 73 player reserve section Iowa also had two players: Michael Takahashi and Victor Kalil. Michael scored 3/6 and Victor scored 2/6.

Congratulations to all players for a nice performances.

2014-15 Qualifier Points:

Player	Points	Events
Tim McEntee	N/A	2
Robert Keating	27.75	2
James Neal II	23.00	3
Dan Brashaw	16.50	2
Arshaq Saleem	15.75	1
Dan Vasto	14.00	2
Thomas Gaul	12.50	3
Kushan Tyagi	12.50	2
George Eichhorn	9.50	3
Jose Gatica	8.00	1
Jiahua Zhang	6.00	1
Tim Crouse	4.14	2
Valeriy Kosokin	2.00	2
John Herr	1.39	2
Thomas Hesse	1.00	2
Edin Divanovic	0.75	2
Milind Jetty	0.75	3
Erik Gonzalez-Mule	0.75	1
Seth Koenig	0.64	1
Dan Medrano	0.64	1
James White	0.64	1
William Polzin	0.64	1
Archy Coolidge	0.64	1

New and Returning Members:

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Nathaniel Arnold	Des Moines
John C Beydler (Patron)	Davenport
Zach Bostwick	Iowa City
David Craig	Des Moines
Tim Crouse	Boone
Joseph Cygan	Hoffman Estates, IL
Benjamin Darr	Dubuque
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Christine Denison (Patron)	Ames
Daniel Deyoung	Nevada
Jess Fiedorowicz	Coralville
Owen Fiedorowicz	Coralville
Rex Gray (Patron)	Ankeny
Tim Harder	Pleasant Hill
John Hartmann	Omaha, NE
Gerald Hawkins (Patron)	W Des Moines
Mike Heimbaugh (Patron)	Des Moines
Chris Hicks	Ames
Jerry Higgins	Solon
Jim Hodina (Patron)	Cedar Rapids
Mathew Jacob	Des Moines
Anson James	Marion
Andres Kaczka	Iowa City
Benjamin Kaczka	Iowa City
Robert Keating	Cedar Rapids
Seth Koenig	Iowa City
Valeriy Kosokin	Des Moines
Matthew Kriegel	Toledo
Roger Kromphardt	Davenport
James Lin	Ames
Kevin Lu	Iowa City
Samuel Nayor VI (Patron)	Carthage, IL
Ron Nurmi (Patron)	Des Moines
Steven Patterson (Patron)	Marion
Dr. Carl Peters (Patron)	Adel
Arianne Power	Iowa City
Clive Power	Iowa City
Josiah Power	Iowa City
Matt Power	Iowa City
Richard Rector (Patron)	Davenport
Christian Schmitz	Iowa City
David Scott	Kansas City, MO
Jasper Shogren-Knaak	Ames
Gail Takahashi	Iowa City
Michael Takahashi	Iowa City
Mina Takahashi	Iowa City
Dan Vasto	Adel
Joseph Wan	Iowa City
Jiahau Zhang	Iowa City

Puzzle Time Answer:

1.♘e5 d3 2.♘g4+ ♔h1 3.♘h5 d2 4.♘g3#

Dan Vasto Dominates 2014 July Open
By Mathew Jacob

Twelve players competed in the 2014 July Open that was held at the Dahl's Foods in Clive, Iowa on Saturday, July 12, 2014. Dan Vasto got $37.50 for winning the tournament. Tom Hesse and Tom Gaul tied for 2nd place as Tom Hesse received $15.00 while Tom Gaul declined the $15.00. Milind Jetty was awarded $22.50 for winning the Under 1800. John Herr, Clive Power, William Polzin, and Steve Jacobs all tied for 2nd place in the Under 1800. Steve Jacobs accepted $3.75 while John Herr, Clive Power, and William Polzin rejected $3.75. Congratulations to Dan for being a victor in the tournament and I want to thank all players for playing.

#	Player	Pre	Post	1	3	3	T
1	Vasto, Daniel	2067*	2082*	W8	W6	W4	3.0
2	Gaul, Thomas	1859*	1866*	W10	L4	W8	2.0
3	Hesse, Thomas	1809*	1812*	D11	W5	D6	2.0
4	Divanovic, Edin	1924*	1920*	D9	W2	L1	1.5
5	Jacob, Mathew	1813*	1797*	D7	L3	W10	1.5
6	Crouse, Tim	1803*	1800*	W12	L1	D3	1.5
7	Jetty, Milind	1522*	1547*	D5	L8	W11	1.5
8	Herr, John Edward	1772*	1762*	L1	W7	L2	1.0
9	Power, Clive Scot	1726*	1723*	D4	D11	U0	1.0
10	Polzin, William J	1707*	1685*	L2	W12	L5	1.0
11	Jacobs, Steve	1460*	1474*	D3	D9	L7	1.0
12	Power, Matthew Sc	1156*	1152*	L6	L10	U0	0.0

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August 23, 2014 **Ankeny** **TD: Mathew Jacob**

#	Player	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	T
1	Divanovic, Edin	1868*	1862*	1728*	1720*	W4	D2	W5	2.5
2	Jetty, Milind	1590*	1635*	1419*	1473*	W3	D1	H0	2
3	Jacob, Mathew	1828*	1807*	1705*	1679*	L2	H0	W4	1.5
4	Jacobs, Steve	1478*	1472*	1314*	1309*	L1	W5	L3	1
5	Craig, David	1300/00	1075/02	1300/00	916/02	H0	L4	L1	0.5

Dan Brashaw Wins CR Quick Chess Tourney

7/19/2014 TD: James Hodina & Mark Capron

#	Player	pre	post	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
1	Brashaw, Daniel	2047*	2056*	W13	W6	D2	W3	W4	W5	5.5
2	Kende, Mark	1843*	1896*	W14	W12	D1	W8	W3	W10	5.5
3	White, James Lee	1849*	1843*	W9	W11	W8	L1	L2	W14	4.0
4	Wolz, Dave	1742*	1746*	H0	H0	W16	W11	L1	W15	4.0
5	Medrano, Daniel	1699*	1681*	W19	L16	W13	W14	W9	L1	4.0
6	Thangavel, Gokul	1695*	1675*	W15	L1	L9	W18	W12	W16	4.0
7	Jacobs, Steve	1332*	1330*	W21	L8	W22	W20	L14	W19	4.0
8	Hesse, Thomas	1704*	1683*	W18	W7	L3	L2	W16	D9	3.5
9	Bowers, Frank	1272/18	1377/24	L3	W19	W6	W22	L5	D8	3.5
10	Thompson, Mark Ev	1700*	1700*	H0	H0	W12	L16	W13	L2	3.0
11	Lu, Morgan	1405*	1399*	W20	L3	W21	L4	L15	W17	3.0
12	Denison, Christin	1328*	1324*	W22	L2	L10	W23	L6	W20	3.0
13	Johnson, Robert A	1315*	1370*	L1	W15	L5	W17	L10	W21	3.0
14	Lodh, Anish	1258*	1350*	L2	W20	W17	L5	W7	L3	3.0
15	Denison, Ana L	1159*	1238*	L6	L13	W19	W21	W11	L4	3.0
16	Chen, Nathan	1109*	1323*	W17	W5	L4	W10	L8	L6	3.0
17	Patterson, Steven	1617*	1511*	L16	W23	L14	L13	W22	L11	2.0
18	Vigil, Eric Golf	1214*	1146*	L8	L21	W23	L6	L19	B0	2.0
19	Taylor, David C	1171*	1148*	L5	L9	L15	B0	W18	L7	2.0
20	James, Anson	1004/23	981*	L11	L14	B0	L7	W23	L12	2.0
21	Vigil, Barry	943*	962*	L7	W18	L11	L15	B0	L13	2.0
22	Tivanski, Vladimi	871*	862*	L12	B0	L7	L9	L17	W23	2.0
23	Vigil, Joseph	304*	299*	B0	L17	L18	L12	L20	L22	1.0

Lee County Fair 2014 -- Open

No.	Gr	Name(Team)	St	Rate	1	2	3	4	Score
1.		Van Winkle, Jesse (1,Van).....	IA	1600	W5	W4	W2	L3	3.0
2.		Gatton, Albert Arn (4).....	IA	1449	W12	W7	L1	W5	3.0
3.		Chen, Nathan (8).....	IA	1146	L4	W12	D7	W1	2.5
4.		Van Winkle, Doc (3,Van).....	IA	1500	W3	L1	L5	W9	2.0
5.		Felgar, Stan (5).....	IA	1258	L1	W9	W4	L2	2.0
6.		Vigil, Eric Golf (6,Vigil)....	IA	1249	-U-	-U-	W12	W7	2.0
7.		Van Winkle, Clint (7,Van).....	IA	1189	W9	L2	D3	L6	1.5
8.		Vigil, Barry J (11,Vigil).....	IA	983	-U-	-U-	L9	W12	1.0
9.		Sparrow, Jason (12).....	IA	948	L7	L5	W8	L4	1.0
10.		Dunn, Carl (2).....	IA	1500	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	0.0
11.		Johnson, Richard L (9).....	IA	1075	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	0.0
12.		Van Winkle, Todd (10,Van).....	IA	1000	L2	L3	L6	L8	0.0

Lee County Fair 2014 -- Scholastic

No.	Gr	Name(Team)	St	Rate	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1.		Vigil, Barry J (1).....	IA	983	W3	L2	W6	W4	W5	4.0
2.		Walker, Evan (5).....		nnnn	W5	W1	W4	L3	W7	4.0
3.		Hellman, Max (3,Hell).....		nnnn	L1	W7	L5	W2	W6	3.0
4.		Hellman, Wyatt (4,Hell).....		nnnn	W7	W5	L2	L1	-B-	3.0
5.		Wiseman, Gavin (6,wise).....		nnnn	L2	L4	W3	-B-	L1	2.0
6.		Ren, Hutchinson (2).....	IA	113	-U-	-U-	L1	W7	L3	1.0
7.		Wiseman, Henry (7,Wise).....		nnnn	L4	L3	-B-	L6	L2	1.0

Kushan Tyagi Wins September Open

9/6/2014 Ames TD: Mathew Jacob

#	Player	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Tyagi, Kushan	2169*	2180*	W13	W9	W5	D2	3.5
2	Neal, James Alex,	2064*	2082*	W7	D4	W8	D1	3.0
3	Vasto, Daniel	2052*	2066*	H0	D6	W4	W7	3.0
4	Kosokin, Valeriy	2239*	2218*	W11	D2	L3	W6	2.5
5	Holliman, Bob	2200*	2200*	W12	W8	L1	H0	2.5
6	Hesse, Thomas	1794*	1807*	H0	D3	W12	L4	2.0
7	Sayler, David	1706*	1745*	L2	W11	W9	L3	2.0
8	Eichhorn, George	1909*	1900*	W14	L5	L2	D11	1.5
9	Gaul, Thomas	1866*	1842*	W15	L1	L7	H0	1.5
10	Jacob, Mathew	1807*	1811*	H0	U0	U0	W13	1.5
11	Jetty, Milind	1635*	1642*	L4	L7	W13	D8	1.5
12	Jacobs, Steve	1472*	1469*	L5	W15	L6	H0	1.5
13	Arnold, Nathaniel	1467*	1450*	L1	H0	L11	L10	0.5
14	Jetty, Teja	1087*	1086*	L8	U0	U0	U0	0.0
15	Craig, David	1075/02	1069/04	L9	L12	U0	U0	0.0

Games from Mathew Jacobs:

Kushan Tyagi - Nathaniel Arnold [A60]
(1), 06.09.2014
1.d4 e6 2.c4 ♘f6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.♗g2 e5 6.♘c3 a6 7.e4 ♗e7 8.♘ge2 0-0 9.0-0 ♘bd7 10.f4 ♖b8 11.a4 ♖e8 12.f5 ♘g4 13.h3 ♘gf6 14.♗e3 ♘f8 15.♕d2 ♗d7 16.g4 h6 17.♘g3 ♘8h7 18.a5 b6 19.♖a2 b5 20.c×b5 ♗×b5 21.♘×b5 ♖×b5 22.♖b1 ♕a8 23.b4 ♖eb8 24.♖ab2 ♕b7 25.♗f1 ♖×b4 26.♖×b4 c×b4 27.♗b6 ♘g5 28.♕d3 ♗d8 29.♖×b4 ♘d7 30.h4 ♘c5 31.♗×c5 ♕c7 32.♖×b8 ♕×b8 33.h×g5 d×c5 1–0

Dave Craig - Tom Gaul [C00]
(1), 06.09.2014
1.e4 e6 2.♘f3 d5 3.d3 d×e4 4.d×e4 ♕×d1+ 5.♔×d1 ♘c6 6.♗b5 ♗d7 7.♗×c6 ♗×c6 8.♘c3 ♘f6 9.♘d2 0-0-0 10.f3 g5 11.e5 ♘d5 12.♔e2 ♘×c3+ 13.b×c3 ♗g7 14.♗b2 ♗×e5 15.♘e4 ♗×e4 16.f×e4 ♖d6 17.g3 ♖c6 18.♔d2 ♖d8+ 19.♔e2 ♗×c3 20.♗×c3 ♖×c3 21.♖ac1 ♖d4 22.♖he1 ♖×e4+ 23.♔d2 ♖ec4 24.♖e3 ♖×e3 25.♔×e3 ♔d7 26.♖d1+ ♔e7 27.♔d3 ♖c5 28.c4 b5 29.♖c1 ♖×c4 30.♖×c4 b×c4+ 31.♔×c4 ♔d6 32.♔b5 ♔d5 33.♔a4 c5 0–1

Tom Gaul - Kushan Tyagi [A06]
(2), 06.09.2014
1.b3 d5 2.♗b2 c5 3.e3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.♘e5 g6 6.♘×c6 b×c6 7.♘c3 e5 8.♘a4 ♗d6 9.h3 0-0 10.g4 ♕e7 11.♕f3 ♖b8 12.♘×c5 ♗×c5 13.♗×e5 0–1

Tom Hesse - Dan Vasto [A16]
(2), 06.09.2014
1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 d5 3.c×d5 ♘×d5 4.g3 g6 5.♗g2 ♘×c3 6.b×c3 ♗g7 7.♕b3 c6 8.♘f3 0-0 9.0-0 ♘d7 10.♗a3 ♘b6 11.d3 ♗e6 12.♕c2 ♕c7 13.♖ab1 ♖fd8 14.c4 h6 15.♗b2 ♗×b2 16.♖×b2 ♖d7 17.♖fb1 ♖ad8 18.a3 ♔h7 19.a4 ♘c8 20.♖×b7 ♕a5 21.♕b2 ♘b6 22.♖×d7 ♘×d7 23.♘d4 ♖b8 24.♕c2 ♖×b1+ 25.♕×b1 ♕e5 26.♘×c6 ♕×e2 ½–½

James Alex Neal II - Valeriy Kosokin [B90] (2), 06.09.2014
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 ♘c6 7.♘de2 b5 8.♗e3 e6 9.a3 ♗b7 10.g4 ♘e5 11.♗g2 ♘c4 12.♗c1 ♕c7 13.0-0 ♖d8 14.g5 ♘d7 15.b3 ♘cb6 16.♗e3 ♘c5 17.♗d4 d5 18.e5 ♘e4 19.♕c1 ♘d7 20.f4 ♘×c3 21.♘×c3 g6 22.♘e2 ♖c8 23.♕e3 ♗c5 24.♖f3 ♗×d4 25.♘×d4 ♘c5 26.♖d1 ♘e4 27.♖d3 ♕c5 28.b4 ♕c4 29.h4 ♖g8 30.♖b3 ♕c7 ½–½

Dan Vasto - Valeriy Kosokin [B96]
(3), 06.09.2014
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 b5 8.e5 d×e5 9.f×e5 ♕c7 10.♕e2 ♘fd7 11.0-0-0 ♗b7 12.♕h5 g6 13.♕h4 ♗g7 14.♗×b5 0-0 15.♗×d7 ♘×d7 16.♗e7 ♖fc8 17.♗d6 ♕a5 18.♘b3 ♕b6 19.♕f4 ♗×g2 20.♖hg1 ♗h3 21.♖g3 ♗f5 22.♘d4 ♖c4 23.b3 ♗h6 24.♕×h6 ♖×d4 25.♕e3 ♖×d1+ 26.♘×d1 ♖c8 27.c4 ♕c6 28.♘f2 f6 29.♘g4 1–0

Dan Vasto - David Sayler [B17]
(4), 06.09.2014
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♘d7 5.♘g5 ♘gf6 6.♗c4 e6 7.♗b3 ♘b6 8.♕e2 ♗d6 9.♘1f3 h6 10.♘e4 ♘×e4 11.♕×e4 ♕c7 12.c4 ♘d7 13.c5 ♗e7 14.♗e3 ♕a5+ 15.♗d2 ♕c7 16.0-0 ♘f6 17.♕e2 ♘d5 18.♘e5 ♗f6 19.f4 ♕e7 20.♖ae1 ♗×e5 21.♕×e5 ♕f6 22.♗×d5 ♕×e5 23.♗×c6+ b×c6 24.d×e5 ♔e7 25.♗a5 ♖b8 26.♖f2 ♖b7 27.♖d1 ♖d7 28.♖d6 f6 29.♖fd2 f×e5 30.f×e5 ♖f8 31.♖×c6 ♗b7 32.♖×d7+ ♔×d7 33.♖c7+ 1–0

Mathew Jacob - Nathaniel Arnold [C11]
(4), 06.09.2014
1.e4 e6 2.♘f3 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.d4 c5 6.♗f4 a6 7.d×c5 ♗×c5 8.♗d3 ♕b6 9.♕d2 ♕×b2 10.♖b1 ♕a3 11.♖b3 ♕a5 12.0-0 ♘c6 13.♖e1 d4 14.♘e4 ♕×d2 15.♗×d2 ♗a7 16.♘d6+ ♔e7 17.♘×c8+ ♖h×c8 18.♖×b7 ♖ab8 19.♖eb1 a5 20.♔f1 ♔e8 21.♗×h7 g6 22.♖7b5 ♖×b5 23.♖×b5 ♖b8 24.a4 ♖×b5 25.a×b5 ♘c×e5 26.♘×e5 ♘×e5 27.♗×a5 ♘g4 28.♗c7 ♗c5 29.b6 ♔d7 30.♗g8 f5 31.♗×e6+ ♔×e6 32.b7 ♗a7 33.b8♕ ♗×b8 34.♗×b8 ♔d5 35.h3 ♘f6 36.♔e2 ♔c4 37.♗e5 ♘e4 38.g4 ♘g5 39.g×f5 g×f5 40.h4 ♘e6 41.f4 ♔c3 42.♔d1 ♔c4 43.h5 d3 44.c3 ♘f8 45.h6 ♘h7 46.♔d2 ♘f8 47.♗g7 ♘h7 48.♔e3 1–0

In Support of Incremental Time Controls

By John Herr

Here in Iowa, and indeed in many parts of the country, time controls for local chess tournaments are almost exclusively of the form G/XX d5. The most popular of these include G/60 d5, G/75 d5, and G/90 d5. Players and tournament directors who have been using these time controls for a long time may not think twice about them, but in this article, I propose that tournaments would generally benefit from a change from d5 to a longer delay or increment.

The mere mention of change may incite immediate resistance in some who have grown accustomed to the usual time controls. After all, when things have been done a certain way for a very long time, there ought to be a good reason for altering them. “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it,” the saying goes. I only ask for an opportunity to give such good reasons. Keep in mind that time controls have not remained the same throughout chess’s history. Originally there were no clocks. Then, in order to prevent players from attempting to fatigue their opponents (and spectators) by taking inordinate amounts of time on individual moves, hourglasses were used. Later, analog clocks allowed playing under simple time controls lacking increment and delay. Today, digital clocks allow for a wide variety of time controls, including the 5-second delay we popularly use now. Five-second delay was a good compromise when digital clocks were first introduced and analog clocks were still in wide use, but today almost everyone owns a digital clock, and there is no reason why our preferred time controls might not change again to make better use of modern technology.

Indeed, one might say that these changes have already started happening. The standard FIDE time control today is (40/90 inc/30) + (SD/30 inc/30). Most high-level tournaments include an increment of 30 seconds per move, if not from move 1, then from move 60. The Iowa Open is now played with a 30-second increment. This raises the

question: Why do these tournaments use this increment? What advantage does it bring?

One of the major reasons for favoring incremental time controls is that it stops a certain random variable – the number of moves in a game – from affecting the outcome too much. Untimed games with more moves naturally take longer. A time control that imposes an effectively strict limit on the total game duration irrespective of the number of moves allows the pace of the game to be drastically distorted through no fault of the players. Let us clarify this point in the next paragraph.

A certain opponent of increments I once encountered exclaimed that they "are a crutch for poor time management!" The argument is that if a player manages his time prudently, then he will not fall victim to time trouble. However, this is a misconception, as there are many instances in which a player manages his time perfectly wisely and still ends up in time pressure. A player cannot on move 20 know whether the game will likely last 40 moves or 140. Because a majority of games last no more than 60 moves or so, it makes the most sense to assume the game will last about that long and to ration time accordingly. It would not make sense to move very quickly in preparation for a 140-move game. That would greatly lower a player's quality of play, all for the sake of a game length that is highly unlikely to occur. But what if the game actually does last 140 moves? In a control with only d5, both players will likely end the game blitzing out moves, but neither is at fault for his predicament. In this situation, a 30-second increment would ensure that each player has a reasonable minimum time for reflection beyond just the time required to move a piece.

It should also be mentioned that the definition of what constitutes poor time management depends on the time control being used. Hence, increments cannot in any way be considered a crutch for poor time management unless it is assumed that playing without increments is normative. Indeed, the same argument might be used in reverse. For example, suppose the very first clocks invented were capable of increment and increment were popular from the very beginning. If that were the case, people today proposing a change from the "traditional" use of increment to the "progressive" non-use of increment could be accused of imposing new and unwarranted time-managerial burdens on players.

Now, I can imagine two shouts from the rafters. One is saying, "So what if the players have to blitz out the moves? They played under equal conditions, so it is fair! Blitz endings are an exciting part of chess!" The other voice decries, "A game with increment that lasts 140 moves would certainly interfere with the start of the next round!" Let me address each criticism in turn.

As for the first criticism, I will admit that blitz endings are exciting. However, even though they are "fair" in the technical sense, I also think they are inappropriate in regular-speed games. A tournament with slow time controls should only test players' abilities at a slow pace. Skill at slow speeds and skill at blitz are very different, and it is unseemly for blitz conditions to ever arise in a regular tournament, just as it would not be right to be able to play slowly in a blitz tournament. It would be one thing if it were always a player's own fault for getting into such a predicament, but as I have argued, that is not always the case. Now, 30-second increment does not eliminate time pressure; 30 seconds is not enough time to make a thoroughly-considered decision. However, it is at least enough time for a bit of reflection, as opposed to just throwing out a move after two seconds' thought and hoping for the best. That is much closer to the spirit of a regular game.

As for the second criticism, that the game would last too long, I will be the first to admit that a 140-move game with a 30-second increment would last past the next round time, assuming there is another round on the same day. However, 140-move games are extremely rare, and if one were to occur, the tournament participants would at least get to see such a battle played to its proper conclusion. Interestingly, games with increment may actually conclude in a fewer number of moves than non-increment games, because players are less likely to play on in dead lost or dead drawn positions, the increment guaranteeing the opponent enough time to avoid serious error. It should also be noted that games with increment conclude more quickly than one might think. For example, if a G/60 inc/30 tournament had rounds spaced 3.5 hours apart, games lasting up to 90 moves would cause no problem.

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IM Michael Brooks Wins 60th Iowa Open

By Mark Capron

The 60th Iowa Open Chess Festival held August 15-17 was attended by 198 players from eight different states. The Event has been held the past four years in the Coralville/Iowa City area after traveling around the state in its long history. As word gets out, its growth over those four years has been amazing. We started from around 50 players. The 2014 attendance sets a new high mark for the State of Iowa. The Festival consists of a Quick event, an Open section, an U1600 section and an U1200 section.

The Open section (USCF and FIDE rated) had 66 entrants. The starting 4 highest rated players were IM Brooks from Missouri, IM Angelo Young from Illinois, U10 World Champion Awonder Liang from Wisconsin, and the highest active rated Iowan, Valeriy Kosokin. The top fourth of players were all rated over 2000.

Accelerated pairings influenced the tournament right off and there were several upsets. Brooks got off to a rough start by drawing Wisconsin's Wesley Ferguson (477 rating point difference). A popular feature of the Open section has been the "Pain Index" chart, posted next to the wall chart, where it lists the top upsets of each round. The largest upset of each round wins a book. Other first round upsets of note were Hyung Nam's victory over Brent Walker (218), Jiahua Zhang's win over James Neal (203), and Ken Fee's draw with NM Mariano Acosta (299 points). Avoiding the first round upset blues were IM Young, FM Awonder Liang and Kosokin.

The second round saw current Iowa State Champion, NM Tim McEntee, joining the tournament after having a first round bye due to working at a food pantry Saturday morning. Tim arrived late and had lost 45 min off of his clock. Luckily we had announced that we were following the USCF 1 hour forfeit time and were not using the "no tolerance" FIDE rule. Karma was on Tim's side and he was able to win his first game despite the loss of so much time (thank goodness for the 30 second increment). Hyung Nam again pulled an upset, this time over Ivan Wijetunge (259). Jiahua Zhang was not going to let Nam be on the "Pain Index" board by himself and provided 2011 Iowa State Champion Robert Keating (335) his only defeat of the tournament. Expert Jeremy Madison from Wisconsin won on time versus Valeriy Kosokin (215) in a worse position. At the end of the accelerated pairings there still remained six perfect scores: Nam, Zhang, Young, Awonder Liang, Experts Dan Brashaw and Jeremy Madison.

Round three had match-ups at the top of Young-Madison, Zhang-Liang, Nam-Brashaw. Young, Liang and Brashaw all stayed perfect. The "Pain Index" board claimed another victim when Marissa Li (1769) of Illinois defeated Kosokin, a 541 rating point difference! The 2.5 point group included Brooks, McEntee and Ferguson.

This is when the pairings really started to get interesting. There seemed to be two distinct possibilities for the pairings on Boards 2-3. One fixed all the color issues, but did not move the highest rated 2.5 up to play the 3.0. The other put the highest 2.5 up to play the 3, but no colors worked (I preferred this one). Just to be sure I wasn't missing something in the FIDE rules I consulted with Special Referee International Arbiter Randy Hough over the phone. We both agreed that only the pairing where the highest 2.5 goes up made sense. One of the most important factors was the rating difference between Brooks, McEntee and Ferguson. So the fourth round pairings were set: Liang-Young, Brashaw-Brooks, and McEntee-Ferguson. The board 1 game had some fireworks with Liang turning down two draw offers before falling to Young. Awon-

der was not too happy with what had transpired. The tournament hall chatter was that they wouldn't want to be Awonder's next opponent J.

Liang,Awonder (2379) - Young,Angelo (2424) [C41] (4), 17.08.2014
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d6 3.♘c3 ♘d7 4.♘f3 ♕c7 5.a4 e6 6.♗d3 ♘gf6 7.0-0 ♗e7 8.♖e1 e5 9.h3 0-0 10.♗c4 h6 11.♗a2 ♖e8 12.♗e3 ♘f8 13.d5 c5 14.♘d2 g5 15.♘c4 ♘g6 16.g4 ♔h7 17.f3 ♖g8 18.♔f2 ♘e8 19.♕d2 ♘f4 20.♖h1 b6 21.♖ab1 ♕d7 22.♘a3 ♗a6 23.♘cb5 ♘c7 24.♗c4 ♘×b5 25.♘×b5 ♗b7 26.♘c3 ♖gc8 27.a5 b×a5 28.♖a1 ♗d8 29.♘e2 ♖cb8 30.♘g3 ♗c8 31.b3 ♕e8 32.♘e2 ♘g6 33.♘c3 ♗d7 34.♕d3 ♕e7 35.♗b5 ♗b6 36.♕c4 ♗×b5 37.♘×b5 ♘h4 38.♔g3 ♕f6 39.♖hf1 ♘g6 40.♘c3 ♘f4 41.♗×f4 g×f4+ 42.♔g2 ♕h4 43.♘e2 h5 44.♖a4 ♖g8 45.♖h1 ♖g6 46.♖aa1 ♖ag8 47.♖ag1 ♖h6 48.♔f1 ♖gg6 49.g5 ♖×g5 50.♖×g5 ♕×g5 51.h4 ♕e7 52.♕b5 c4 53.♕×c4 ♕d8 54.♕c6 ♖g6 55.♕b7 ♔g7 56.♖h2 ♗c5 57.♕c6 ♕b8 58.♕a4 ♕b6 59.♖g2 ♖×g2 60.♔×g2 ♕d8 61.♔h3 ♗f2 62.♕c6 ♕×h4+ 63.♔g2 ♗c5 0–1

Brooks then went to work on Iowa's Dan Brashaw and found victory 46 moves later.

Brashaw,Daniel (2162) - Brooks,Michael A (2432) [B90] (4), 17.08.2014
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 ♘g4 7.♗g5 h6 8.♗h4 g5 9.♗g3 ♗g7 10.♗e2 ♘e5 11.0-0 e6 12.♔h1 ♘g6 13.♘b3 ♘f4 14.♕d2 ♗e5 15.♖ad1 ♘c6 16.♕e3 h5 17.h3 b5 18.♘c1 h4 19.♗h2 ♗b7 20.♘d3 ♗d4 21.♕d2 e5 22.♘×f4 g×f4 23.♗g4 b4 24.♘d5 a5 25.c3 ♗c5 26.c4 ♗c8 27.f3 ♗e6 28.♗g1 0-0 29.♕e1 ♗×g1 30.♔×g1 ♗×d5 31.♖×d5 ♕f6 32.♕f2 ♖fd8 33.♕b6 ♘d4 34.♖×a5 ♕e7 35.♖a1 ♖ab8 36.♖a7 ♖×b6 37.♖×e7 ♖a8 38.♗h5 ♘b3 39.♖f1 ♖×a2 40.♖f2 ♘c5 41.♗×f7+ ♔f8 42.♖c7 ♖ba6 43.♖d2 ♖a1+ 44.♔f2 ♖b1 45.♗h5 ♖aa1 46.♖×c5 d×c5 0–1

McEntee defeated Ferguson to reach 3.5 points. This left Young with 4, McEntee and Brooks each with 3.5. Kosokin got back on the winning side of things, but this was not to be his tournament.

This left the Round 5 pairings as Brooks-Young and Liang-McEntee on the top two. If Young won or drew he won the tournament. Brooks could go for the win and win the tournament outright, draw and proba-

Under 10 World Champion FM Awonder Liang as white vs. IM Angelo Young

Expert Dan Brashaw (white) vs. IM Michael Brooks

bly share a small amount with several other players, or lose and probably get nothing. A real battle ensued. Michael who usually gets up a few times per game did not leave his seat during this game. Full on concentration dominated. After the dust had settled Angelo had to resign in a mate in three position. Brooks was named the 60th Iowa Open Champion, a title he has won the last three straight years and a small handful of times previously.

Brooks,Michael A (2432) - Young,Angelo (2424) [B12] (5), 17.08.2014

1.e4 d6 2.d4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘d7 4.♗c4 e6 5.0-0 d5 6.e×d5 c×d5 7.♗d3 ♗d6 8.♖e1 ♘gf6 9.♘e5 ♕c7 10.♕e2 0-0 11.♘d2 b6 12.♘f1 ♗b7 13.♘g3 ♖fe8 14.♗d2 ♘f8 15.♖ac1 ♖ac8 16.♕f3 ♘g6 17.♕e2 ♗×e5 18.d×e5 ♘d7 19.♕h5 ♘c5 20.♕e2 ♘×d3 21.c×d3 ♕d7 22.♘h5 d4 23.♗h6 ♕d5 24.♕g4 f5 25.♕g3 ♖×c1 26.♖×c1 ♖c8 27.♖×c8+ ♗×c8 28.♗×g7 ♕×a2 29.h3 ♕b1+ 30.♔h2 ♕c1 31.♗f6 ♗b7 32.♗g5 ♕c7 33.f4 ♕c2 34.h4 ♔f7 35.♘f6 h5 36.♘×h5 ♗a6 37.♕f3 ♕×d3 38.♕c6 ♘e7 39.♕d7 ♔g6 40.♕e8+ 1–0

On Board two as the Tournament Hall chatter had predicted Liang defeated his opponent.

Liang,Awonder (2379) - McEntee,Tim R (2204) [B51] (5), 17.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 d6 4.0-0 ♗d7 5.♖e1 e5 6.h3 ♘ge7 7.c3 a6 8.♗f1 ♘g6 9.d4 ♗e7 10.d5 ♘a7 11.a4 0-0 12.♘bd2 b5 13.a5 ♘c8 14.g3 f5 15.♗g2 f4 16.♘h2 ♗f6 17.♘df3 f×g3 18.f×g3 ♘h8 19.♗e3 ♘e7 20.♘g4 ♘eg6 21.♘×f6+ g×f6 22.♘h2 ♕c8 23.h4 ♖f7 24.♗f3 ♔f8 25.♘g4 ♔e8 26.♖f1 ♕b7 27.b4 c4 28.♗e2 ♗×g4 29.♗×g4 ♕e7 30.♗e6 ♖f8 31.h5 1–0

IM Michael Brooks (white) vs. IM Angelo Young.

U10 World Champion FM Awonder Liang (white) vs. 2014 Iowa State Champion NM Tim McEntee

Robert Keating, Expert Arshaq Saleem tied with Liang and Young for second/third/ U2200 with 4 points each. The Under 2000 prizes went to Wesley Ferguson (WI) and Adream Liang (WI). The Under 1800 prizes went to Kaustubh Nimkar (KS) and Marissa Li (IL). The Under 1600 prizes went to Leonard Koziol (IL) and Archy Coolidge (IA). Marissa Li (IL) led the tournament in the largest upset a 514 pointer! It is worth noting that Jiahua Zhang had another upset in the last round of 478 points.

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No.	Name	St	Rate	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1.	Brooks, Michael A (1).....	MO	2432	D12	W22	W49	W7	W2	4.5
2.	Young, Angelo (2).....	IL	2424	W26	W24	W16	W3	L1	4.0
3.	Liang, Awonder (3).....	WI	2379	W38	W5	W21	L2	W6	4.0
4.	Keating, Robert F (7).....	IA	2167	W39	L21	W59	W25	W16	4.0
5.	Saleem, Arshaq (11).....	IA	2077	W13	L3	W41	W22	W15	4.0
6.	Mc Entee, Tim R (5).....	IA	2204	-H-	W41	W33	W12	L3	3.5
7.	Brashaw, Daniel (8).....	IA	2162	W18	W11	W47	L1	D13	3.5
8.	Vasto, Daniel (10).....	IA	2053	D20	D34	W32	W21	-H-	3.5
9.	Neal Ii, James Ale (13).....	IA	2076	L21	D33	W43	W31	W27	3.5
10.	Wan, Joseph Cheng- (14).....	NE	2027	D28	W35	D30	-H-	W33	3.5
11.	Pounraj, Karthikey (15).....	IL	2007	W29	L7	W44	D34	W28	3.5
12.	Ferguson, Wesley E (17).....	WI	1956	D1	W44	W42	L6	W34	3.5
13.	Liang, Adream (27).....	WI	1848	L5	W18	W53	W24	D7	3.5
14.	Nimkar, Kaustubh S (43).....	KS	1691	D55	W43	L24	W39	W26	3.5
15.	Acosta, Mariano A (6).....	IL	2210	D49	W32	-H-	W38	L5	3.0
16.	Madison, Jeremy Mi (12).....	WI	2095	W27	W37	L2	W30	L4	3.0
17.	Eichhorn, George S (20).....	IA	1919	L37	D27	W64	W35	D23	3.0
18.	Wang, Ricky (24).....	IL	1918	L7	L13	W62	W55	W41	3.0
19.	Whitsell, Frank (25).....	MO	1892	L24	D40	D46	W52	W47	3.0
20.	Gaul, Thomas (26).....	IA	1878	D8	L29	D55	W53	W44	3.0
21.	Zhang, Jiahua (29).....	IA	1832	W9	W4	L3	L8	W37	3.0
22.	Li, Marissa (34).....	IL	1769	W61	L1	W37	L5	W38	3.0
23.	Koziol, Leonard F (59).....	IL	1430	D42	D59	D29	W40	D17	3.0
24.	Kelly, Joey Michae (9).....	KS	2119	W19	L2	W14	L13	D30	2.5
25.	Koenig, Seth A (16).....	IA	1997	D30	W53	-H-	L4	D32	2.5
26.	Cygan, Joseph (18).....	IL	1925	L2	W64	D51	W47	L14	2.5
27.	Linscott, John G (28).....	NE	1869	L16	D17	W54	W45	L9	2.5
28.	Medrano, Daniel (30).....	IA	1818	D10	L39	W58	W57	L11	2.5
29.	Nelson, Kent (33).....	NE	1800	L11	W20	D23	D36	-H-	2.5
30.	Crouse, Tim (32).....	IA	1800	D25	W55	D10	L16	D24	2.5
31.	White, James Lee (35).....	IA	1791	-F-	-H-	W56	L9	W58	2.5
32.	Suresh, Abhinav (36).....	NE	1789	W62	L15	L8	W48	D25	2.5
33.	Herr, John Edward (40).....	IA	1764	W54	D9	L6	W50	L10	2.5
34.	Prabu, Advaith (41).....	IL	1743	W48	D8	-H-	D11	L12	2.5
35.	Polzin, William J (46).....	IA	1685	W36	L10	D39	L17	W57	2.5
36.	Coolidge, Archy (62).....	IA	1386	L35	W52	-H-	D29	D40	2.5
37.	Kosokin, Valeriy (4).....	IA	2310	W17	L16	L22	W60	L21	2.0
38.	Divanovic, Edin (19).....	IA	1878	L3	W45	W60	L15	L22	2.0
39.	Ellis, James S (23).....	WI	1900	L4	W28	D35	L14	D45	2.0
40.	Hesse, Thomas (31).....	IA	1832	-H-	D19	D45	L23	D36	2.0
41.	Cusumano, Steven J (38).....	NE	1763	W52	L6	L5	W46	L18	2.0
42.	Power, Clive Scott (42).....	IA	1723	D23	W46	L12	-H-	-N-	2.0
43.	Patterson, Steven (45).....	IA	1700	-H-	L14	L9	D61	W62	2.0
44.	Martinez Jr, Salva (44).....	KS	1700	W56	L12	L11	W64	L20	2.0
45.	Li, Frank (47).....	IA	1654	W57	L38	D40	L27	D39	2.0
46.	Jetty, Milind (54).....	IA	1569	D59	L42	D19	L41	W60	2.0
47.	Nam, Hyung Ju (55).....	KS	1633	W51	W50	L7	L26	L19	2.0

48. Venkat, Abhyudhaya (57).....	IL	1564	L34	L51	-B-	L32	W61	2.0
49. Fee Jr, Kenneth E (21).....	MO	1911	D15	W60	L1	-U-	-U-	1.5
50. Wijetunge, Ivan (22).....	IA	1892	-H-	L47	W61	L33	-U-	1.5
51. Walker, Brent P (39).....	IA	1763	L47	W48	D26	-U-	-U-	1.5
52. Carson, Bethany (48).....	IA	1637	L41	L36	W67	L19	D54	1.5
53. Rector, Richard L (52).....	IA	1570	-X-	L25	L13	L20	D55	1.5
54. Marshall, Kenneth (56).....	IL	1564	L33	D58	L27	D56	D52	1.5
55. Reigenborn, Jonath (60).....	NE	1480	D14	L30	D20	L18	D53	1.5
56. Takahashi, Michael (61).....	IA	1402	L44	D61	L31	D54	D65	1.5
57. Taylor, David C (63).....	IA	1369	L45	W62	-H-	L28	L35	1.5
58. Williams, Ty C (65).....	MO	1344	L60	D54	L28	W67	L31	1.5
59. Peralta, Luis M (37).....	IL	1771	D46	D23	L4	-U-	-U-	1.0
60. Albright, Adam P (49).....	KS	1621	W58	L49	L38	L37	L46	1.0
61. Willett, Joseph (50).....	IL	1579	L22	D56	L50	D43	L48	1.0
62. Harder, Tim (53).....	IA	1557	L32	L57	L18	W63	L43	1.0
63. Carson, Tim (58).....	IA	1452	-N-	-N-	-N-	L62	W64	1.0
64. James, Anson (67).....	IA	1043	-B-	L26	L17	L44	L63	1.0
65. Carson, Daniel (51).....	IA	1563	-N-	-N-	-N-	-N-	D56	0.5
66. Vigil, Eric Golf (66).....	IA	1167	-N-	-N-	L52	L58	-U-	0.0

Tournament director Mark Capron presenting IM Brooks the Iowa Open Trophy.

The Friday night Quick Chess was won by IM Angelo Young. Expert Dan Brashaw was the highest scoring Iowan.

Young won all six of his games. Brashaw's only loss came at the hands of Young. Jim White was also right in it until rounds 5 and 6 where he lost to Young and then drew Leonard Koziol leaving him at a respectable 4.5 and third place all to himself.

Several players ended at 4.

The 31 player field all seemed to have a good time in this fast and furious event.

Mark Capron handled the Tournament Director responsibilities. Eric Vigil and Bill Broich helped with many things along the way.

2014 Iowa Quick Chess Championship

No.	Name	St	Rate	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1.	Young, Angelo (2).....	IL	2305	W17	W6	W13	W2	W3	W5	6.0
2.	Brashaw, Daniel (3).....	IA	2047	W23	W15	W5	L1	W6	W7	5.0
3.	White, James Lee (5).....	IA	1849	W18	W8	W4	W12	L1	D10	4.5
4.	Kosokin, Valeriy (1).....	IA	2346	W22	W7	L3	W8	L5	W14	4.0
5.	Saleem, Arshaq (7).....	IA	1771	W20	W9	L2	W16	W4	L1	4.0
6.	Wolz, Dave (8).....	IA	1742	W24	L1	W11	W9	L2	W16	4.0
7.	Gaul, Thomas (9).....	IA	1713	W25	L4	W17	W20	W12	L2	4.0
8.	Medrano, Daniel (10).....	IA	1699	W26	L3	W23	L4	W18	W17	4.0
9.	Whitsell, Frank (12).....	MO	1692	W28	L5	W19	L6	W23	W13	4.0
10.	Koziol, Leonard F (17).....	IL	1430	-H-	L14	W22	W11	W15	D3	4.0
11.	Grabau, Joshua J (27).....	MN	788	D14	W22	L6	L10	W21	W23	3.5
12.	Acosta, Mariano A (4).....	IL	1912	-H-	W16	W14	L3	L7	D15	3.0
13.	Fee Jr, Kenneth E (6).....	MO	1798	W19	W21	L1	D15	D14	L9	3.0
14.	Cusumano, Steven J (11).....	NE	1696	D11	W10	L12	W21	D13	L4	3.0
15.	Suresh, Abhinav (13).....	NE	1606	W29	L2	W18	D13	L10	D12	3.0
16.	Martinez Jr, Salva (14).....	KS	1600	W27	L12	W24	L5	W20	L6	3.0
17.	Vigil, Eric Golf (19).....	IA	1214	L1	W26	L7	W24	W25	L8	3.0
18.	Williams, Ty C (21).....	MO	1177	L3	W28	L15	W26	L8	W25	3.0
19.	Chen, Nathan (22).....	IA	1109	L13	W29	L9	L25	W28	W24	3.0
20.	Young, Brent (23).....	IL	1030	L5	W27	W21	L7	L16	W22	3.0
21.	Gatton, Albert Arn (15).....	IA	1476	W31	L13	L20	L14	L11	W29	2.0
22.	Felgar, Stan (18).....	IA	1215	L4	L11	L10	W29	W26	L20	2.0
23.	Glazier, Augustus (20).....	MO	1182	L2	W25	L8	W28	L9	L11	2.0
24.	James, Anson (24).....	IA	1004	L6	W31	L16	L17	W27	L19	2.0
25.	Vigil, Barry (25).....	IA	943	L7	L23	W27	W19	L17	L18	2.0
26.	Vigil, Crissy (26).....	IA	797	L8	L17	W29	L18	L22	W31	2.0
27.	Xu, Eddy (30).....	IA	487	L16	L20	L25	W31	L24	W28	2.0
28.	Alvarez, Lucas (28).....	MO	754	L9	L18	W31	L23	L19	L27	1.0
29.	Chi, Kyle (29).....	IA	559	L15	L19	L26	L22	W31	L21	1.0
30.	Broich, William (16).....	IA	1466	-H-	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	0.5
31.	Vigil, Joseph (31).....	IA	304	L21	L24	L28	L27	L29	L26	0.0

Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful. — Joshua J Marine

The more difficult the victory, the greater the happiness in winning. — Pele

The 39 player Reserve (U1600) was won by Bill Qian from Kansas with a perfect 4/4 score. Austin Scharosch from Iowa and Daniel Deyoung of Iowa tied for 2nd, both scoring 3.5. The Under 1200 prize was shared by Joshua Grabau from Minnesota and Kevin Lu of Iowa.

The event was directed by Mark Capron with help from Eric Vigil, Bill Feldman, and Bill Broich.

2014 Iowa Reserve Championship

No.	Name	St	Rate	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1.	Qian, Bill Ningyua (31).....	KS	1186	W20	W18	W19	W6	4.0
2.	Scharosch, Austin (21).....	IA	1273	D9	W24	W12	W11	3.5
3.	Deyoung, Daniel A (27).....	IA	1239	D12	W10	W25	W9	3.5
4.	Carson, Daniel (3).....	IA	1576	W29	W36	L6	W23	3.0
5.	Weil, Jack Thomas (11).....	MO	1366	W23	L7	W36	W18	3.0
6.	Lu, Morgan (17).....	IA	1318	W15	W16	W4	L1	3.0
7.	Grabau, Joshua J (34).....	MN	1142	W21	W5	L9	W19	3.0
8.	Lu, Kevin (37).....	IA	1001	D26	W17	D13	W20	3.0
9.	Darr, Benjamin J (2).....	IA	1584	D2	W30	W7	L3	2.5
10.	Jacobs, Steve (5).....	IA	1474	D14	L3	W24	W26	2.5
11.	Carson, Tim (7).....	IA	1458	D33	W14	W26	L2	2.5
12.	Kriegel, Matthew J (9).....	IA	1375	D3	W33	L2	W28	2.5
13.	Carson, Sarah Fait (14).....	IA	1356	D38	W37	D8	D15	2.5
14.	Kozich, Andrew Joh (23).....	IA	1258	D10	L11	W37	W25	2.5
15.	Lin, James J (36).....	IA	1001	L6	-B-	W33	D13	2.5
16.	Kromphardt, Roger (1).....	IA	1585	W28	L6	W31	-U-	2.0
17.	Hicks, Chris (4).....	IA	1477	L32	L8	W38	W30	2.0
18.	Gatton, Albert Arn (8).....	IA	1449	W39	L1	W34	L5	2.0
19.	Cotarlan, Vlad (10).....	IA	1368	W34	W32	L1	L7	2.0
20.	Denison, Christine (12).....	IA	1365	L1	W39	W32	L8	2.0
21.	Glazier, Augustus (15).....	MO	1321	L7	W29	L23	W36	2.0
22.	Shogren-Knaak, Jas (16).....	IA	1319	L30	L34	W39	W32	2.0
23.	Fiedorowicz, Jess (30).....	IA	1201	L5	W27	W21	L4	2.0
24.	Gonzalez-Mule, Eri (6).....	IA	1464	D37	L2	L10	W34	1.5
25.	Lodh, Anish (13).....	IA	1360	W35	D31	L3	L14	1.5
26.	Ogrin-Cotarlan, An (18).....	IA	1315	D8	W38	L11	L10	1.5
27.	Jain, Chirag (19).....	IA	1300	L36	L23	D29	W38	1.5
28.	Higgins, Jerry L (20).....	IA	1278	L16	W35	D30	L12	1.5
29.	Young, Brent (24).....	IL	1258	L4	L21	D27	W39	1.5
30.	Jetty, Teja (35).....	IA	1001	W22	L9	D28	L17	1.5
31.	Power, Josiah Thom (38).....	IA	991	-B-	D25	L16	-U-	1.5
32.	Felgar, Stan (22).....	IA	1258	W17	L19	L20	L22	1.0
33.	Gray, Rex H (26).....	IA	1249	D11	L12	L15	-H-	1.0
34.	Fiedorowicz, Owen (29).....	IA	1208	L19	W22	L18	L24	1.0
35.	Stanfield, Roger D (32).....	IL	1177	L25	L28	-B-	-U-	1.0
36.	Bostwick, Zach K (39).....	IA	nnnn	W27	L4	L5	L21	1.0
37.	Adamec, Andrew (25).....	IA	1252	D24	L13	L14	-U-	0.5
38.	Power, Matthew Sco (33).....	IA	1152	D13	L26	L17	L27	0.5
39.	Knecht, Teresa Phi (28).....	IA	1239	L18	L20	L22	L29	0.0

Top Left: Bill Qian showing off his trophy for winning the Iowa Reserve Championship with Tournament Director Mark Capron.

Middle Left: Seth Koenig plays Robert Keating at the Iowa Open.

Middle Right: Frank Whitsell (MO) plays Bethany Carson at the Iowa Open.

Bottom Left: Jim White vs. James Neal at the Iowa Open.

Bottom Right: Jeremy Madison (WI) vs. Tim Crouse at the Iowa Open.

The 63 player Rated Beginner's section (U1200) was won by Rishabh Swamy with a perfect 5-0 performance. Second with 4.5 was Nathan Wei.

There was a large tie of players scoring 4 points. Using tiebreaks, Samuel Thomasson ended up in third, Lee Rabe in fourth, Sarah Ogrin-Cotarlan in fifth. Others scoring 4 points were Henry Lu (1st U1000), Mrith Madanprasad (1st U800), Zander Arnao (1st Unrated), Evan Heller (2, U1000), and Nathan Chen.

Alice Meng scored 3.5 and won the U800 second place. Andy Lu also scored 3.5 and won the Unrated second place. Isabel Fiedorowicz was U600 first. Katie Gu was first U400. Brad Weil was U600 second place. Saniyah Sami received the U400 second place trophy.

The event was directed by Bill Feldman and Eric Vigil with pairing support from Mark Capron.

Rated Beginner's Open

No.	Name	St	Rate	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1.	Swamy, Rishabh (3).....	IA	1151	W33	W25	W6	W9	W3	5.0
2.	Wei, Nathan (8).....	IA	935	-H-	W62	W22	W19	W4	4.5
3.	Thomasson, Samuel (2).....	IA	1174	W27	W12	W17	W10	L1	4.0
4.	Chen, Nathan (4).....	IA	1121	W42	W24	W20	W14	L2	4.0
5.	Ogrin-Cotarlan, Sa (7).....	IA	957	W56	W8	L9	W25	W23	4.0
6.	Heller, Evan Josep (11).....	IA	893	W50	W38	L1	W26	W24	4.0
7.	Madanprasad, Mrith (24).....	IA	643	W55	L15	W58	W17	W19	4.0
8.	Lu, Henry (26).....	IA	590	W48	L5	W30	W18	W20	4.0
9.	Rabe, Lee M (59).....	IA	nnnn	W49	W35	W5	L1	W14	4.0
10.	Arnao, Zander D'an (54).....	AR	nnnn	W40	W21	W16	L3	W22	4.0
11.	Popov, Maxim (9).....	IA	916	W57	W26	L14	W36	D12	3.5
12.	Meng, Alice (19).....	IA	764	W44	L3	W27	W29	D11	3.5
13.	Lu, Andy Y (57).....	IA	nnnn	W37	L22	D32	W47	W31	3.5
14.	Denison, Ana L (1).....	IA	1182	W41	W23	W11	L4	L9	3.0
15.	Liang, Able (5).....	WI	1020	W34	W7	L19	L23	W32	3.0
16.	Vigil, Barry (6).....	IA	992	W28	W36	L10	L24	W38	3.0
17.	Chen, Jonathan (10).....	IA	914	W43	W32	L3	L7	W39	3.0
18.	Pieper, Justin Gun (12).....	IA	867	L51	W31	W40	L8	W41	3.0
19.	Geng, Dillon (13).....	IA	866	W58	W39	W15	L2	L7	3.0
20.	Lodh, Anjali (14).....	IA	857	W52	W51	L4	W37	L8	3.0
21.	Vigil, Crissy (15).....	IA	845	W59	L10	L39	W58	W40	3.0
22.	Daufeldt, Thomas J (17).....	IA	780	W61	W13	L2	W39	L10	3.0
23.	Carrillo, Samuel (18).....	MO	764	W53	L14	W42	W15	L5	3.0
24.	Pieper, Eric Chung (21).....	IA	721	W54	L4	W51	W16	L6	3.0
25.	Attinger, Jacques (22).....	IA	700	W30	L1	W28	L5	W42	3.0
26.	Thomasson, Aaron P (25).....	IA	602	W29	L11	W46	L6	W48	3.0
27.	Fiedorowicz, Isabe (34).....	IA	455	L3	W44	L12	W54	W35	3.0
28.	Gu, Katie (38).....	IA	381	L16	W63	L25	W46	W49	3.0
29.	Engel, Mark (56).....	IA	nnnn	L26	W50	W38	L12	W36	3.0
30.	Selby, Patrick Jos (60).....	IA	nnnn	L25	W43	L8	W51	W37	3.0
31.	Wu, Athena (20).....	IA	743	-H-	L18	W55	W41	L13	2.5
32.	Weil, Brad M (30).....	MO	513	W47	L17	D13	W49	L15	2.5
33.	Keeney, Sierra Mar (35).....	IA	419	L1	L48	W61	D45	W55	2.5
34.	Dixit, Arun (37).....	IA	400	L15	-H-	W56	L35	W57	2.5

35. Meng, Nina Renee (16).....	IA	844	W60	L9	L41	W34	L27	2.0
36. Alvarez, Lucas (23).....	MO	684	W63	L16	W62	L11	L29	2.0
37. Harris, Jack Walte (28).....	IA	529	L13	W59	W48	L20	L30	2.0
38. Zajacz Havens, Rob (29).....	IA	526	W45	L6	L29	W60	L16	2.0
39. Wei, Malcom (31).....	IL	504	W46	L19	W21	L22	L17	2.0
40. Venkat, Amrutha (32).....	IL	500	L10	W61	L18	-X-	L21	2.0
41. Xu, Eddy (33).....	IA	481	L14	W53	W35	L31	L18	2.0
42. Kumar, Aadarsh Day (36).....	IA	401	L4	W54	L23	W44	L25	2.0
43. Yang, Reece (41).....	IA	273	L17	L30	W53	L48	W60	2.0
44. Sami, Saniyah (50).....	IA	105	L12	L27	W50	L42	W58	2.0
45. Acherkan, Lisa (53).....	IA	nnnn	L38	L58	W52	D33	D47	2.0
46. Peace, Zachary Jam (58).....	IA	nnnn	L39	W57	L26	L28	W59	2.0
47. Carrillo, Steven C (55).....	IA	nnnn	L32	W52	D49	L13	D45	2.0
48. Walker, Evan (62).....	IA	nnnn	L8	W33	L37	W43	L26	2.0
49. Liang, Angelva S (27).....	WI	552	L9	W60	D47	L32	L28	1.5
50. Wu, Kyros Yuefan (42).....	IA	240	L6	L29	L44	D63	W62	1.5
51. Menezes, Jaden (43).....	IA	234	W18	L20	L24	L30	D53	1.5
52. Kaczka, Andrew Jon (45).....	MA	155	L20	L47	L45	W61	D54	1.5
53. Kaczka, Benjamin D (49).....	MA	105	L23	L41	L43	-B-	D51	1.5
54. Harwani, Ishan S (51).....	IA	103	L24	L42	-B-	L27	D52	1.5
55. Yakobson, Daniel (63).....	IA	nnnn	L7	D56	L31	W62	L33	1.5
56. Adams, Peter Lietz (39).....	IA	331	L5	D55	L34	L57	D63	1.0
57. Vigil, Joseph (40).....	IA	296	L11	L46	L60	W56	L34	1.0
58. Malgaonkar, Aditya (44).....	IA	189	L19	W45	L7	L21	L44	1.0
59. Kozich, Aden (46).....	IA	140	L21	L37	W63	-F-	L46	1.0
60. Ogrin, Cristina (47).....	IA	116	L35	L49	W57	L38	L43	1.0
61. Glazier, Samantha (48).....	MO	110	L22	L40	L33	L52	-B-	1.0
62. Thur, Kayla Nicole (52).....	WI	101	-B-	L2	L36	L55	L50	1.0
63. Tran, Adrian (61).....	IA	nnnn	L36	L28	L59	D50	D56	1.0

Ferguson,Wesley E (1956) − Brooks,Michael A (2432) [B95] (1), 16.08.2014
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕f3 ♘bd7 8.0-0-0 ♗e7 9.♖g1 h6 10.♗×f6 ♗×f6 11.♕g3 ♕b6 12.♕d3 ♘c5 13.♕e3 ♗d7 14.♗c4 ♖c8 15.♗b3 0-0 16.♔b1 a5 17.a3 ♘×b3 18.c×b3 ♖c5 19.♔a2 ♖fc8 20.♖d3 ♕a6 21.a4 b5 22.♘d×b5 ♗×b5 23.♘×b5 ♖×b5 24.a×b5 ♕×b5 25.♕d2 a4 26.♖e1 ♗g5 27.♕e2 ♖b8 28.b×a4 ♕×a4+ 29.♖a3 ♕b4 30.♖d1 ♗f6 31.♖d2 ♕c5 32.♖c2 ♕e5 33.g3 g5 34.f3 ♗g7 35.♕d1 ♖b5 36.♖cc3 d5 37.e×d5 ♖×d5 38.♕c2 ♗f6 39.♖c8+ ♔g7 40.♖aa8 ♖a5+ 41.♖×a5 ♕×a5+ 42.♔b1 ♕e1+ 43.♔a2 ♕a5+ 44.♔b1 ½-½

Young,Angelo (2424) − Cygan,Joseph (1925) [D37] (1), 16.08.2014
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.♘c3 ♗e7 5.♕c2 ♘c6 6.e3 0-0 7.a3 ♖e8 8.b4 ♗f8 9.♗b2 ♘e7 10.c5 c6 11.♗d3 ♕c7 12.♘e5 g6 13.f4 ♘f5 14.♕f2 ♘d7 15.0-0 ♗g7 16.♖ae1 ♕d8 17.e4 ♘×e5 18.f×e5 d×e4 19.♘×e4 ♖f8 20.g4 ♘h6 21.h3 ♔h8 22.♗c1 ♘g8 23.♘d6 f6 24.♕h4 ♕e7 25.♗×g6 h6 26.♕h5 ♗d7 27.g5 f×g5 28.♖f7 1-0

Divanovic,Edin (1878) − Liang,Awonder (2279) [B89] (1), 16.08.2014
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗c4 e6 7.♗e3 ♗e7 8.f3 ♘c6 9.♕d2 ♘a5 10.♗d3 ♕c7 11.b3 d5 12.e×d5 ♗b4 13.d6 ♕×c3 14.♕×c3 ♗×c3+ 0-1

Kosokin,Valeriy (2310) − Eichhorn,George (1919) [C98] (1), 16.08.2014
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 ♘a5 10.♗c2 c5 11.d4 ♕c7 12.♘bd2 ♘c6 13.d5 ♘d8 14.b3 ♘e8 15.a4 ♖b8 16.a×b5 a×b5 17.♘f1 f6 18.g4 ♘f7 19.♘g3 g6 20.♔h2 ♘g7 21.♗e3 ♗d7 22.♕e2 ♖a8 23.♗d3 ♕b7 24.♕b2 ♖×a1 25.♖×a1 ♖a8 26.♖×a8+ ♕×a8 27.♕e2 f5 28.g×f5 g×f5 29.♘×f5 ♗×f5 30.e×f5 ♕×d5 31.♘d2 e4 32.♗×e4 ♕e5+ 33.♔g2 d5 34.♗b1 ♕×c3 35.♕×b5 ♗d6 36.♕c6 ♕e5 37.♘f3 ♕b2 38.♕c8+ 1-0

Gaul,Thomas (1878) − Vasto,Daniel (2053) [A01] (1), 16.08.2014
1.b3 e5 2.♗b2 ♘c6 3.e3 ♘f6 4.♗b5 d6 5.♘f3 ♗d7 6.d4 e×d4 7.♘×d4 ♘e5 8.♗×d7+ ♕×d7 9.♘f3 0-0-0 10.♘×e5 d×e5 11.♕×d7+ ♘×d7 12.♘d2 ♗b4 13.0-0-0 f6 14.♘e4 ♘c5 ½-½

Neal II,James A (2076) − Zhang,Jiahua (1832) [B45] (1), 16.08.2014
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♘×c6 b×c6 7.e5 ♘d5 8.♘e4

♕c7 9.f4 f5 10.♘d6+ ♗×d6 11.e×d6 ♕b6 12.c4 ♘f6 13.♗d3 ♕b4+ 14.♕d2 ♕×d6 15.b3 0-0 16.♗b2 a5 17.0-0-0 ♗b7 18.♔b1 c5 19.♖he1 a4 20.♕e3 ♘g4 21.♕g3 a×b3 22.a×b3 ♕b6 23.♗c2 d5 24.♖e2 d4 25.♖de1 ♖f6 26.h3 ♘e3 27.♖×e3 ♖g6 28.♖×e6 ♖×e6 29.♗×f5 ♖×e1+ 30.♕×e1 ♕×b3 31.♕e5 ♕a2+ 0-1

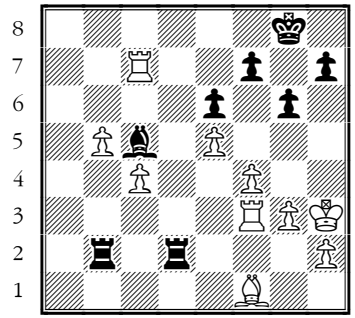
Kelly,Joey (2119) − Young,Angelo (2424) [E91] (2), 16.08.2014
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 0-0 5.♘f3 c5 6.d5 e6 7.♗e2 d6 8.0-0 ♖e8 9.♖e1 e5 10.♘d2 ♘a6 11.♘f1 ♗d7 12.♖b1 ♖f8 13.♘g3 h5 14.f4 ♘g4 15.h3 e×f4 16.♗×f4 ♗d4+ 0-1

Liang,Awonder (2379) − Saleem,Arshaq (2077) [B99] (2), 16.08.2014
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♗e7 8.♕f3 ♕c7 9.0-0-0 ♘bd7 10.g4 h6 11.♗×f6 ♗×f6 12.h4 ♕b6 13.♘b3 ♗e7 14.♗g2 ♘c5 15.♔b1 ♗d7 16.♘×c5 ♕×c5 17.e5 ♗c6 18.♘e4 0-0-0 19.e×d6 ♗×d6 20.♖×d6 ♖×d6 21.♘×c5 ♗×f3 22.♗×f3 b5 23.♘d3 ♔c7 24.♖e1 ♖d4 25.♖e5 ♖d6 26.♖c5+ ♔b6 27.b4 f6 28.♔b2 ♖hd8 29.♗e4 ♖8d7 30.a4 b×a4 31.♔a3 ♖c7 32.♔×a4 ♖d4 33.♖×c7 ♔×c7 34.♘c5 ♔b6 35.c3 ♖d6 36.h5 e5 37.f×e5 f×e5 38.♘d3 ♖d8 39.♘×e5 1-0

Madison,Jeremy M (2095) − Kosokin,Valeriy (2310) [B50] (2), 16.08.2014
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗c4 e6 5.0-0 a6 6.a4 ♗e7 7.d4 d5 8.e×d5 e×d5 9.♗d3 c4 10.♗e2 ♘c6 11.♘e5 ♕b6 12.♗f3 ♗e6 13.♘e2 0-0 14.c3 ♖ad8 15.♗g5 h6 16.♗h4 ♗f5 17.♕c1 ♗h7 18.♘g3 g5 19.♗×g5 h×g5 20.♕×g5+ ♔h8 21.♖ae1 ♘e4 22.♕h6 ♖d6 23.♕h5 ♘×e5 24.♗×e4 d×e4 25.♘×e4 ♘g6 26.♖e3 ♖g8 27.♖h3 ♖g7 28.♘×d6 ♗×d6 29.♖e1 ♕c6 30.d5 ♕×a4 31.♕f5 ♘f8 32.♕f6 ♕d7 33.♖h6 ♗c5 34.g3 ♔g8 35.♖e5 ♘g6 36.♖eh5 ♗e7 37.♕d4 b5 38.d6 ♕×d6 39.♖d5 ♕e6 40.♖d8+ ♗f8 41.♔g2 ♕e7 42.♖d7 [and Black lost on time.] **1-0**

Annotated by Robert Keating:

Zhang,Jihua (1832) − Keating,Robert F (2167) [B06] (2), 16.08.2014
1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♗e3 d6 4.♘c3 a6 5.♗d3 ♘d7 6.♘ge2 b5 7.♕d2 ♗b7 8.a3 c5 9.d×c5 d×c5 10.♘g3 ♕c7 11.♗f4 ♘e5!? Voluntarily pinning my knight seemed okay since the knight can capture on d3 with check, is also defended by the ♗g7, and cannot be readily attacked by White a second time. **12.0-0 e6?** Too conservative − better was ♘f6 with more standard and efficient development. 12...♘f6 13.♖ad1 0-0 14.♗e2 ♖fd8 15.♕e3 **13.b4?** 13.♖ad1 0-0-0 14.♕e3 ♘e7 **13...c4?** This is a strategic blunder. Maintaining the tension and keeping the option to open the c−file and subject the ♘c3 to pressure was correct. Black missed a chance for a clear advantage by continuing to make threats via ♖d8. Now, White can gain an advantage by weakening Black's queenside pawns while Black completes his development. 13...♖d8! 14.♕e3 *(14.b×c5 ♕×c5 15.♖fd1 ♘×d3 16.e5! ♕×f2+ 17.♔×f2 ♘×f2 18.♔×f2 ♘e7-+)* 14...c×b4 15.♘×b5 a×b5 16.♗×b5+ ♗c6 17.♕c5 ♕d6 18.♕×d6 ♖×d6 19.♗×c6+ ♖×c6 20.a×b4 ♘e7 and White can try to do something with his connected passed pawns but Black's extra piece should be better. **14.♗e2 ♖d8?!** This is just a waste of time since it chases the White queen to a better square. **15.♕e3 ♘e7 16.a4!** White has a lead in development and, therefore, a more mobile army. Now is the time to attack. **16...♗c6?** I incorrectly thought I could preserve my pawns. Better would have been bxa4 with mutual pawn weaknesses. 16...b×a4 17.♘×a4 ♘7c6 18.c3 0-0 19.♘c5 ♕e7±. **17.a×b5 a×b5 18.♖a7 ♕b8 19.♕c5?** This ominous−looking move is a mistake but only if Black finds the correct counter−blow. Black must somehow prevent ♕×e7#, so the choice of moves to calculate is limited. **19...♕d6?** Again, I miscalculated the ensuing moves. 19...♖d7! This suddenly defuses Black's attack. 20.♖a6 0-0 21.♖d1 ♘d3! 22.♖×d3 ♕×f4 23.♖×d7 ♗×d7 24.♕×e7 ♗c8 25.♖a8 ♗×c3 26.♕c5 ♔g7 27.♗f1 ♗e1 28.♖a1 ♗c3 29.♘e2 ♕e5 30.♘×c3 ♕×c3 31.♖a7 *(31.♖a8* doesn't work. *31...♕×c2 32.♖×c8 ♖×c8 33.♕×c8 ♕d2* and White will need to force a perpetual check to prevent the Black c−pawn from queening.*)* 31...♕×c2 32.♕e5+ ♔g8 33.♕×b5 ♕×e4 34.♕×c4 ♕×c4 35.♗×c4 ♖d8 36.b5 ♗d7 37.♗e2 ♗e8 and White is a bit better but not clearly winning. **20.♕×d6 ♖×d6 21.♖a5** I simply didn't see this coming. **21...0-0 22.♘×b5 ♗×b5?** Black should be preserving pieces not trading them. **23.♖×b5 ♘7c6 24.♗×c4?** 24.♖c5! f6 25.c3 g5 26.♗e3+-. **24...♖d4 25.♗×e5 ♘×e5?!** 25...♖×c4 26.♗d6 ♖c8 27.♖c5 ♘d4 28.♖d1 f5±. **26.♗e2 ♖c8 27.f4 ♘d7?** 27...♘c4 28.♖c5 ♖×c5 29.b×c5 ♘e3 30.♖f3+-. **28.c4 ♗f8 29.♖b7 ♘f6 30.e5 ♘e4 31.♘×e4 ♖×e4 32.♗d3?** 32.♔f2 ♖×f4+ 33.♔e3 ♖h4 34.♖f×f7 ♗×b4 35.h3. **32...♖d4?** another wrong choice due to inadequate calculation. 32...♖e3! 33.♖f3 ♖×f3 34.g×f3 ♗h6±. **33.♖f3 ♖cd8 34.♗f1 ♖d1 35.g3 ♖b1 36.b5 ♗c5+ 37.♔g2 ♖d2+ 38.♔h3 ♖bb2** Black is really just playing for tricks at this point. **39.♖c7?** Surprisingly, Black can force a draw here with accurate calculation that I did not have. **39...♖×h2+?**



39...♗b6!! 40.♖c8+ *(40.♖b7 h5 41.♖b8+ ♔g7 42.♔h4 ♖×h2+ 43.♔g5 ♖bf2 44.♖×f2 ♗×f2 45.♗d3 ♗c5 46.♖b7 ♖g2 47.♗×g6 ♖×g3+ 48.♔×h5 ♖×g6-+)* 40...♔g7 41.c5 *(41.♔g4 h5+ 42.♔g5 ♗d4!* threatening f6+ with more to follow. *43.♖c7 ♗b6 44.♖c8 ♗d4=)* 41...♖×h2+ 42.♔g4 h5+ 43.♔g5 ♖bc2 44.♖g8+ *(44.c6 ♖c5* and Black wins due to the threat of f6#*.)* 44...♔×g8 45.c×b6 ♖c8 46.b7 ♖b8 47.b6 ♖×b7 48.♖b3 ♔g7 49.♗a6 ♖b8 50.b7 ♖c2. **40.♔g4 ♗f8?** [40...♗b6 This doesn't save the game this time but mounts greater resistance than in the game as White must play accurately. 41.♖b7 ♗g1 42.♖d3 ♖bd2 43.♖×d2 ♖×d2 44.♖c7 h5+ 45.♔g5 ♔g7 46.c5 ♖f2 47.♗d3 ♖f3 48.♗×g6 ♖×g3+ 49.♔×h5 ♖×g6 50.b6 and it will be over for Black soon. **41.c5 h5+ 42.♔g5 h4 43.g4** [43.g×h4 ♔g7 44.b6?? ♖bg2+ 45.♗×g2 ♖×g2+ 46.♖g3 ♖×g3# **43...♖hc2 44.c6 ♖c1 45.♔×h4 ♗c5 46.♔g5 ♔g7 47.♖b7 ♗f8 48.♗d3 ♖×c6 49.♗×g6** 49.b×c6? ♖×b7 50.c×b7?? ♗e7# **49...♖×b5 50.♖×f7+ ♔g8 51.♔f6 ♖b4 52.♗h7+ ♔h8 53.♖×f8+ ♔×h7 54.♖h3#** Just too many mistakes and missed chances for me in this game! **1-0**

Brooks,Michael A (2432) − Li,Marissa (1769) [B85] (2), 16.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.f4 ♗e7 7.♗e2 0-0 8.0-0 ♘c6 9.♗e3 ♗d7 10.♔h1 a6 11.♗d3 ♕c7 12.♕f3 ♘×d4 13.♗×d4 ♗c6 14.♕g3 b5 15.e5 d×e5 16.♗×e5 ♕b7 17.♖ae1 ♖fd8 18.f5 ♘h5 19.♕h3 e×f5 20.♖×f5 g6 21.♖×h5 g×h5 22.♕g3+ ♔f8 23.♕g7+ ♔e8 24.♕h8+ ♗f8 25.♗g3+ 1-0

Cusumano,Steven J (1763) − McEntee,Tim R (2204) [B32] (2), 16.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♕b6 5.♘×c6 b×c6 6.♗d3 g6 7.0-0 ♗g7 8.♘c3 d6 9.♘a4 ♕a5 10.c4 ♘f6 11.♖b1 0-0 12.b4 ♕c7 13.♗b2 e5 14.♘c3 ♗e6 15.a4 ♘d7 16.a5 f5 17.f3 f4 18.♖a1 g5 19.b5 ♘c5 20.a6 ♘×d3 21.♕×d3 c×b5 22.♘×b5 ♕c5+ 23.♔h1 ♗×c4 24.♕×d6 ♕×b5 25.♖fb1 ♖fd8 26.♗a3 ♖×d6 27.♖×b5 ♗×b5 28.♗×d6 ♖d8 29.♗c5 ♖d7 30.h4 g×h4 31.♔h2 ♗f8 32.♗×f8 ♔×f8 33.♖a5 ♗e2 34.♖×e5 ♗×a6 35.♖h5 ♖f7 36.♖×h4 ♔e7 37.g3 ♗e2 38.g×f4 ♗×f3 39.e5 h5 40.♔g3 ♗g4 41.♖h1 ♔e6 42.♖a1 ♔d5 43.♖a4 ♔c5 44.♔h4 ♔b5 45.♖d4 a5 46.♔g5 a4 47.♖d8 ♖f5+ 48.♔g6 ♖×f4 49.e6 ♖e4 0-1

Herr,John E (2076) − Neal II,James A (2204) [C03] (2), 16.08.2014

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 a6 4.c3 c5 5.e×d5 ♕×d5 6.♘gf3 ♘f6 7.♗c4 ♕d6 8.a4 ♘c6 9.d×c5 ♕×c5 10.0-0 ♗e7 11.♕e2 0-0 12.b3 ♕h5 13.♘e4 ♘a5 14.♘g3 ♕c5 15.♗a3 ♕c7 16.♗×e7 ♕×e7 17.♖fd1 ♕c7 18.♕e5 ♕×e5 19.♘×e5 b6 20.♖d6 ♖b8 21.♘c6 ♘×c4 22.b×c4 ♖b7 23.♖b1 ♘e8 24.♖d8 ♗d7 25.♘a5 ♖a7 26.♖×b6 ♘f6 27.♖bb8 ♖×d8 28.♖×d8+ ♘e8 29.c5 ♗×a4 30.♘e4 ♔f8 31.♖b8 ♖c7 32.♘b7 ♔e7 33.f3 ♘f6 34.♘ed6 ♘d7 35.♖e8+ ♔f6 36.♖d8 ♘e5 37.♖a8 ♗c6 38.♖×a6 ♗×b7 39.♘e8+ ♔e7 40.♘×c7 ♗×a6 41.♘×a6 ♔d7 42.♘b4 ♔c7 43.f4 ♘d7 44.♘d3 ♔c6 45.♔f1 f6 46.♔e2 ♘×c5 47.♘×c5 ♔×c5 48.♔d3 h5 49.h4 ♔d5 50.g3 ♔c5 51.c4 g6 52.♔c3 ½-½

Nelson,Kent (1800) − Gaul,Thomas (1878) [C17] (2), 16.08.2014

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.♗d2 ♘e7 6.♘b5 ♗×d2+ 7.♕×d2 0-0 8.♘f3 ♘bc6 9.c3 ♘f5 10.d×c5 a6 11.♘d6 ♘×d6 12.e×d6 b6 13.♘d4 b×c5 14.♘×c6 ♕×d6 15.♘a5 ♖d8 16.♗e2 c4 17.0-0-0 ♗d7 18.♘b7 ♕b6 19.♘×d8 ♖×d8 20.♕d4 ♕a5 21.♔b1 ♗a4 22.♖d2 ♖b8 23.♕a7 ♖e8 24.♕b7 ♗b5 25.♖e1 ♕d8 26.♕a7 ♖e7 27.♕d4 ♕a5 28.♕c5 ♖e8 29.♗d1 ♕d8 30.f4 g6 31.g3 g5 32.♕e3 ♕a5 33.♕e5 ♕d8 1-0

Harder,Tim (1557) − Taylor,David C (1369) [B80] (2), 16.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 b5 7.♗d3 ♗b7 8.f3 e6 9.0-0 ♗e7 10.♕e1 ♘bd7 11.♖d1 0-0 12.♘ce2 ♘e5 13.♘g3 ♘c4 14.♗c1 ♕b6 15.♕f2 ♖ac8 16.b3 ♘e5 17.♗e3 ♘×d3 18.c×d3 ♕d8 19.♖c1 ♘d7 20.♕d2 ♘e5 21.♔h1 ♕d7 22.♘ge2 ♖c7 23.f4 ♘g4 24.♗g1 ♖fc8 25.h3 ♘f6 26.f5 e5 27.♘f3 h6 28.♗e3 ♘h7 29.♘g3 ♗d8 30.♖×c7 ♖×c7 31.♘h5 ♕e7 32.♘h2 ♘f6 33.♘×g7 ♔×g7 34.♗×h6+ ♔h7 35.♘g4 ♘×g4 36.h×g4 ♕h4+ 0-1

Williams,Ty C (1344) − Marshall,Kenneth (1564) [B01] (2), 16.08.2014

1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♘f6 3.d4 ♗g4 4.♗e2 ♗×e2 5.♘×e2 ♕×d5 6.0-0 e6 7.♗f4 ♗d6 8.♗×d6 ♕×d6 9.h3 0-0 10.♘d2 ♘c6 11.♘f3 ♖ad8 12.c3 ♘e7 13.♖e1 c5 14.♘c1 ♘c6 15.♘b3 c×d4 16.♘b×d4 ♘×d4 17.♕×d4 b6 18.♕×d6 ♖×d6 19.♖ad1 ♖fd8 20.♖×d6 ♖×d6 21.♔f1

♔f8 22.♔e2 ♔e7 23.♖d1 ♖×d1 24.♔×d1 ♘e4 25.♔e2 f6 26.♔e3 ½-½

Young,Angelo (2424) − Madison,Jeremy M (2095) [D05] (3), 16.08.2014
1.d4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.e3 ♘f6 5.♗d3 ♘c6 6.♘bd2 ♗e7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d×c5 ♗×c5 9.e4 h6 10.♕e2 d×e4 11.♘×e4 ♘×e4 12.♕×e4 f5 13.♕e2 ♕f6 14.♖e1 ♗d7 15.♗f4 ♖ae8 16.♖ad1 ♗c8 17.♗c4 ♔h8 18.b4 g5 19.♗e5 ♘×e5 20.♘×e5 ♗b6 21.♕h5 ♔g7 22.♘d7 ♗×d7 23.♖×d7+ ♖f7 24.♖×e6 ♕×e6 25.♖×f7+ 1-0

Zhang,Jiahua (1832) − Liang,Awonder (2379) [B28] (3), 16.08.2014
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 a6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e5 6.♘b3 ♗b4 7.♗d2 0-0 8.♗d3 ♗e7 9.0-0 d6 10.♘d5 ♘×d5 11.e×d5 ♘d7 12.a4 f5 13.c4 e4 14.♗c2 ♘e5 15.♗a5 b6 16.♗c3 ♗f6 17.♘d2 a5 18.♕e2 ♗a6 19.b3 ♕e8 20.♖ac1 ♕f7 21.♖fe1 ♘×c4 22.♘×c4 ♗×c3 23.♖ed1 ♗b4 24.♕e3 ♗×c4 25.b×c4 ♗c5 26.♕c3 ♖ae8 27.♖b1 e3 28.f×e3 ♖×e3 0-1

Nam,Hyung J (1633) − Brashaw,Daniel (2162) [B95] (3), 16.08.2014
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 ♗e7 8.0-0-0 ♕c7 9.f4 ♘bd7 10.♔b1 b5 11.a3 ♗b7 12.♗d3 h6 13.♗h4 ♘×e4 14.♘×e4 ♗×h4 15.♘f3 ♗e7 16.♕e3 0-0-0 17.c4 b×c4 18.♖c1 ♔b8 19.♖×c4 ♕b6 20.♕×b6 ♘×b6 21.♖c3 ♖c8 22.♖b3 ♔a7 23.♖c1 ♖×c1+ 24.♔×c1 ♖c8+ 25.♔d2 ♘c4+ 26.♔e2 d5 27.♗×c4 ♖×c4 28.♘ed2 ♖×f4 29.g3 ♖f5 30.♘f1 ♗c5 31.♖c3 ♗b6 32.♘e3 ♖×f3 33.♔×f3 d4+ 0-1

Fee Jr,Kenneth E (1911) − Brooks,Michael (2432) [A41] (3), 16.08.2014
1.d4 g6 2.♗g5 ♗g7 3.♘f3 d6 4.e3 c6 5.♗e2 ♘d7 6.0-0 f6 7.♗f4 e5 8.d×e5 d×e5 9.♗g3 ♘h6 10.♘c3 ♕e7 11.♘e4 ♘f7 12.♗c4 ♘b6 13.♗×f7+ ♔×f7 14.♘d6+ ♔g8 15.♘×c8 ♖×c8 16.♕d3 ♔f7 17.♕b3+ ♕e6 18.♕×e6+ ♔×e6 19.♖ad1 ♖hd8 20.♘d2 ♗f8 21.♘e4 ♗e7 22.b3 f5 23.♘c3 ♘d5 24.♘×d5 c×d5 25.♖d2 ♖c6 26.♖fd1 ♗b4 27.♖e2 ♖dc8 0-1

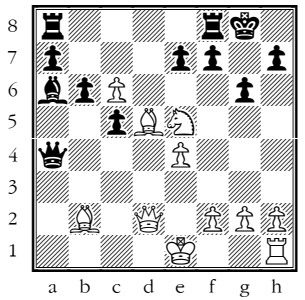
McEntee,Tim R (2204) − Herr,John E (1764) [D15] (3), 16.08.2014
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 ♗f5 5.♕b3 ♕c7 6.c×d5 c×d5 7.♘×d5 ♘×d5 8.♕×d5 e6 9.♕b3 ♘c6 10.♗d2 ♗e7 11.e3 0-0 12.♗e2 ♗e4 13.0-0 ♗d6 14.h3 ♗d5 15.♕d3 f5 16.♖fc1 ♕e7 17.♘e1 g5 18.g3 ♗e4 19.♕b3 f4 20.♗g4 ♗d5 21.♕d3 f×g3 22.f3 e5 23.d×e5 ♗×e5 24.♕×d5+ ♔h8 25.♗c3 ♗×c3 26.♖×c3 ♖ad8 27.♕e4 ♕×e4 28.f×e4 ♖f2 29.♘d3 ♖d2 30.♖d1 ♖h2 31.e5 ♘×e5 32.♘×e5 ♖×d1+ 33.♗×d1 ♖×b2 34.♖c7 ♖b1 35.♖d7 ♔g8 36.♘g4 ♔f8 37.♔g2 h5 38.♘f6 h4 39.♘h7+ ♔e8 40.♖d5 ♖b2+ 41.♔g1 ♖×a2 42.♘×g5 ♖a1 43.♘f3 a5 44.♘×h4 a4 45.♔g2 1-0

Kosokin,Valeriy (2310) − Li,Marissa (1769) [B50] (3), 16.08.2014
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d3 d6 4.c3 ♘f6 5.♗e2 ♗e7 6.0-0 0-0 7.♖e1 ♘bd7 8.♘bd2 b6 9.d4 ♗b7 10.♗f1 ♕c7 11.b3 ♖ac8 12.c4 c×d4 13.♘×d4 a6 14.♗b2 ♘c5 15.f3 d5 16.b4 ♘cd7 17.e×d5 ♗d6 18.g3 e×d5 19.a3 ♗e5 20.♖c1 ♕b8 21.♕b3 ♘h5 22.♗g2 ♘df6 23.f4 ♘×f4 24.g×f4 ♗×f4 25.♘f1 ♗×c1 26.♖×c1 d×c4 27.♖×c4 ♗×g2 28.♖×c8 ♕×c8 29.♔×g2 ♖d8 30.♕f3 ♕g4+ 31.♕×g4 ♘×g4 32.♘f3 ♖d3 33.h3 ♘e3+ 34.♘×e3 ♖×e3 35.♘d4 ♖d3 36.♘f3 ♖b3 37.♗d4 b5 38.♗b6 ♖×a3 39.♘e5 f6 40.♘d7 ♖a4 41.♗a5 ♔f7 42.♘c5 ♖a2+ 43.♔g3 ♔e7 44.♘×a6 ♔d6 45.♘c5 ♔d5 46.♘b7 g6 47.♗d8 f5 48.♘a5 ♖b2 49.♗e7 ♔e4 50.♗c5 f4+ 51.♔h4 ♖g2 0-1

Annotated by Arshaq Saleem:

Saleem,Arshaq (2077) − Cusumano,Steven (1763) [D85] (3), 18.08.2014
1.d4 After I made this move, I sat in my chair for about 54 minutes, when my opponent finally showed up. Even though I won, I could have played better **1...♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.c×d5 ♘×d5 5.e4 ♘×c3 6.b×c3 ♗g7 7.♘f3 c5 8.♗e3 ♘c6** 8...♕a5 **9.♖c1 ♕a5 10.d5 ♗×c3+** [10...♘e5 11.♘×e5 ♗×e5 12.♕d2 0-0 13.f4 ♗g7 14.c4 ♕×d2+ 15.♔×d2 b6 16.♗e2± **11.♖×c3 ♕×c3+ 12.♗d2 ♕b2?!** 12...♕f6 13.d×c6 ♕×c6 14.♕c2± **13.d×c6 ♕×a2?** Even though Black has a rook and two pawns for two pieces, he lost his fianchettoed bishop, while I still have my dark−squared bishop, which spells trouble for Black, but here I was really unsure on the best way to prosecute my advantage. I saw I could stop him from castling, but I thought he would just play ♔f8, f6, and ♔f7 where his rooks will come to the center, and he is alright **14.♗c3?** Not correctly punishing Black for his play. 14.c×b7 This should be an auto−pilot move 14...♗×b7 15.♗b5+ ♔f8 16.♗h6+ ♔g8 17.0-0! I thought I would have to tend to the pawn, but as it turns out, taking it, is suicidal for Black 17...♗×e4 18.♕e1! ♗×f3 19.♕c3! +- Black can't defend the mate, as f6 fails to ♗c4+] **14...0-0** I thought his king would be really weak even after castling **15.♘e5** Preparing ♗c4 **15...b6** I guess he is just trying to play ♗a6 **16.♗c4** I hesitated playing this move immediately as ♕a3 would come with a tempo followed by ♗a6, but decided ultimately that this was best **16...♕a3 17.♕d2** I wanted to keep ♕h6 options open for the future **17...♗a6** 17...♗e6 This counter−intuitive move is supposed to be

best, but still, it is difficult to bring one's self to play this move **18.♗b2** Freeing up the c3-square and taking the pressure the Black queen had on my bishop off **18...♕a4 19.♗d5?!**



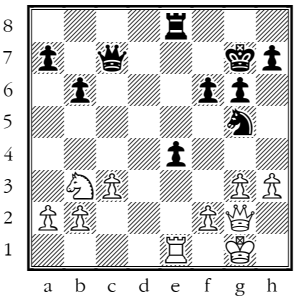
Although I couldn't calculate to the end, I thought this was over. 19.♘×g6! This is an immediate win. Oddly, I spotted, ♘×f7 and ♕c3, but didn't see this. I rejected that because of ♕b4, but didn't see far enough. ♘×g6 is the most efficient way to pull off the same idea, but both are good 19...h×g6 20.♕c3! ♕b4 Forced, to avert mate on g7 or h8 21.♕×b4 c×b4 22.♗×a6 I miss-assessed this type of position in the other line, and thought after 22...♖fc8 that Black is doing alright, but White has the very strong 23.♗b7! White can take the rook whenever it best fits him, and Black is paralyzed 23...♖ab8 24.♗e5 Threatening ♗×b8 and c7 24...♖a8 25.0-0 White has a winning position; 19.♘×f7 Also good 19...♖×f7 20.♕c3 ♕b4 I stopped my calculation here, but similarly to ♘×g6, it is good for White. **19...e6 20.♘g4** At this point however we were both low on time (odd, as he came in more than 50 minutes late) **20...h5** 20...♖fd8 This was the move I was looking at 21.♘f6+ ♔f8 *(21...♔h8 22.c7 e×d5 23.c×d8♕+ ♖×d8 24.♘×d5++-)* 22.c7 e×d5 23.♘×h7+ ♔g8 24.♘f6+ ♔f8 25.c×d8♕+ ♖×d8 26.♕h6+ ♔e7 27.♘×d5++- **21.♘f6+ ♔g7 22.♘g4+??** I completely missed that ♘×h5 was a double check, and that came back to haunt me, as the resulting position became very complicated **22...♔g8 23.♘f6+ ♔g7 24.♘d7+ ♔h7** 24...♔g8 25.♕c3 **25.♕c3** I was now actually lower than him on the clock! **25...♖g8 26.♘f6+ ♔h6 27.♕e3+ g5 28.♕f3** I thought this was best as it was threatening mate **28...♕b4+ 29.♗c3 ♕b1+ 30.♔d2 ♕×h1** 30...♕d3+ 31.♕×d3 ♗×d3 32.♘×g8+ ♖×g8 33.♔×d3+- **31.♕×h5+ ♔g7 32.♘d7+** Quite a messy game, but I guess it is good that I won, as when I was lower-rated, I used to lose these back-and-forth battles **1-0**

McEntee,Tim R (2204) – Ferguson,Wesley E (1956) [E85] (4), 17.08.2014
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.♗e3 ♘c6 7.♘ge2 e5 8.d5 ♘e7 9.♕d2 ♘d7 10.g4 a5 11.0-0-0 ♘c5 12.♘g3 f5 13.g×f5 g×f5 14.♘h5 f4 15.♗×c5 d×c5 16.♘×g7 ♔×g7 17.h4 ♖a6 18.♕f2 b6 19.h5 ♗d7 20.♕h4 ♘c8 21.h6+ ♔h8 22.♕×d8 ♖×d8 23.♖h5 ♖e8 24.♗e2 ♘d6 25.♖g1 ♖aa8 26.♖g7 ♖ad8 27.a4 c6 28.b3 ♖g8 29.♖×g8+ ♖×g8 30.♖×e5 ♖g6 31.♖e7 1-0

Acosta,Mariano (2210) – Divanovic,Edin (1878) [A46] (4), 17.08.2014
1.d4 d6 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗g5 g6 4.♗×f6 e×f6 5.♘bd2 ♗g7 6.e3 0-0 7.♗d3 ♘d7 8.g4 c5 9.c3 ♘b6 10.♖g1 ♖e8 11.♕c2 ♘d5 12.0-0-0 ♕a5 13.♔b1 b5 14.♘b3 ♕b6 15.d×c5 d×c5 16.♗e4 ♖×e4 17.♕×e4 ♗b7 18.♖×d5 ♕c6 19.♖gd1 ♖e8 20.♕×e8+ ♕×e8 21.♖d8 ♔f8 22.♖×e8+ ♔×e8 23.♘fd2 c4 24.♘d4 a6 25.a4 ♗f8 26.a×b5 a×b5 27.♘×b5 ♗c6 28.♘d4 ♗d5 29.e4 ♗b7 30.f3 ♗h6 31.♘×c4 1-0

Annotated by Robert Keating:

Koenig,Seth A (1997) – Keating,Robert F (2167) [B06] (4), 17.08.2014
1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘f3 d6 4.h3 c5 5.d×c5 ♕a5+ 6.♗d2 ♕×c5 Black will need to be careful that his exposed queen does not get trapped or give White too many tempi to get way ahead in development. ***7.♗c3?!*** This bishop proves to be rather annoying during the game although it is the second move for the piece in the opening. **7...♘f6 8.♘bd2 0-0 9.♗d3 ♘bd7 10.♕e2 b6** 10...♘h5 11.♗×g7 ♔×g7 It seemed too early to give up my dark-squared bishop. **11.0-0 ♗b7 12.♖fe1 ♖fe8 13.♖ad1 ♕c7** 13...♘h5!? 14.♗×g7 ♘f4 15.♕e3 ♕×e3 16.♖×e3 ♘×d3 17.♗d4 ♘b4. **14.♘b3 ♘h5 15.♗×g7 ♘×g7?!** Recapturing with the king would have been better in order to keep control of the h6 square. **16.c3 ♖ad8 17.♕e3 ♘e5!?** Black yields a positional concession in order to gain activity and restrict the White pieces, which will be bottled up to some extent by the e4 pawn. 17...e5 18.♕h6 The White queen is annoying here but not much more. 18...♘e6 19.♘bd2 ♘dc5 20.♗c4 f6. **18.♘×e5 d×e5 19.♗c2 ♘e6 20.g3 ♔g7 21.♕e2 ♖d6 22.♖×d6 e×d6** The Black pawns are undoubled and the new d6 weakness will be remedied by its advance. **23.♕e3 f6 24.♗d3 d5 25.e×d5 ♗×d5 26.♗e4 ♗×e4 27.♕×e4 ♘g5 28.♕g2 e4** This creates problems for



White that he will find difficult to solve. **29.♔h1?** 29.♘d4! ♕c4 30.♕f1 (30.h4? ♘f3+ 31.♘×f3 e×f3 32.♕f1 ♖e2! *(32...♖×e1 33.♕×e1 ♕e2 34.♕c1=* Black cannot make progress without exposing his king, and White's queenside pawn majority will provide sufficient counterplay for him.*)*) 30...♕×a2∓. **29...♕d7 30.g4 ♕d3 31.♕f1** 31.♖e3 ♕b1+ 32.♕g1 ♕×b2-+. **31...♘×h3 32.f3** [32.♕×d3 ♘×f2+ 33.♔g2 ♘×d3-+. **32...♕×f1+ 33.♖×f1 e3 34.♘d4 ♘f2+ 35.♔g2 ♘d3 36.♘e2 ♘×b2 37.♖b1 ♘a4 38.♖d1 ♘c5** Black is better but still has work to do since his e–pawn is blockaded and may be hard to protect. **39.f4 ♔f7 40.♔f3 ♖e7 41.♖h1 ♔e8 42.c4 ♘e4 43.♖c1** 43.♔×e3?? ♘g3+. **43...♘d2+ 44.♔g2 ♖c7 45.♖c3 ♘×c4 46.a4 a6 47.♘d4 ♔d7 48.♖d3 ♘b2 49.♖×e3 ♘×a4** Black has traded his advance e–pawn for White's queenside pawns and has a much bigger ad–vantage due to the connected outside passed pawns. **50.♘e6 ♖c2+ 51.♔f1 ♖c4 52.g5 f×g5 53.f×g5 ♖h4 54.♘f8+ ♔d6 55.♖e6+ ♔d5 56.♖e7??** a simple blunder ends the game, although Black should have won anyway. **56...♖f4+ 0-1**

Vasto,Daniel (2053) – Zhang,Jiahua (1832) [B44] (4), 17.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♗d3 ♘c6 6.♗e3 d5 7.♘×c6 b×c6 8.e5 ♘d7 9.f4 c5 10.♘d2 ♗e7 11.b3 ♗b7 12.0-0 0-0 13.♕h5 g6 14.♕h6 ♖e8 15.♘f3 ♗f8 16.♕h3 d4 17.♘g5 h6 18.♘×f7 ♔×f7 19.♕g4 g5 20.f×g5+ ♔e7 21.g×h6 ♘×e5 22.♗g5+ ♔d7 23.♕g3 ♕c7 24.♗f4 ♗d6 25.♗×e5 ♗×e5 26.♖f7+ ♖e7 27.♖×e7+ ♔×e7 28.♕g5+ ♗f6 29.♕g6 ♖h8 30.♖e1 ♕a5 31.♖f1 ♖f8 32.h7 ♕d2 33.h8♕ ♕e3+ 34.♔h1 ♗×g2+ 35.♔×g2 ♗×h8 36.♕h7+ ♔e8 37.♖×f8+ ♔×f8 38.♕×h8+ ♔f7 39.♕h7+ ♔f8 40.♕e4 ♕g5+ 41.♔f2 ♕h6 42.♔g3 ♕g5+ 43.♕g4 ♕d5 44.♕f3+ 1-0

White,James L (1791) – Neal II,James A (2076) [C02] (4), 17.08.2014

1.e4 e6 2.d4 c5 3.c3 d5 4.e5 ♘c6 5.♗e3 ♕b6 6.♕d2 ♗d7 7.♘f3 ♖c8 8.♗e2 c×d4 9.c×d4 ♗b4 10.♘c3 ♘a5 11.0-0 ♘c4 12.♗×c4 ♖×c4 13.♖fc1 ♕a5 14.a3 ♗×c3 15.♖×c3 ♖×c3 16.♕×c3 ♕×c3 17.b×c3 ♗b5 18.♖b1 ♗a6 19.a4 ♘e7 20.a5 ♘c6 21.♖a1 h6 22.♘e1 ♔d7 23.h4 ♖c8 24.♗d2 ♗c4 25.f3 ♘e7 26.♔f2 ♔c6 27.♔e3 ♘f5+ 28.♔f2 ♘×h4 29.g4 ♘g6 30.f4 ♘e7 31.♘f3 ♗d3 32.♘h4 ♗e4 33.♘g2 ♔b5 34.♘e3 ♖h8 35.♔g3 h5 36.f5 h4+ 37.♔h3 e×f5 38.g×f5 ♘×f5 39.♘×f5 ♗×f5+ 40.♔h2 h3 41.♖f1 g6 42.♖a1 ♖h4 43.♖a2 ♖e4 44.♖b2+ ♔c6 45.♗g5 ♖e1 46.♗e7 ♖c1 47.♗b4 g5 48.♖f2 ♗e6 49.♔g3 ♖d1 50.♔h2 ♖d3 51.♗e7 g4 52.♗h4 ♖×c3 53.♖b2 ♗f5 54.♖f2 ♖c2 55.♖×c2+ ♗×c2 56.♗e1 ♔b5 57.♔g3 ♔c4 58.♗f2 b5 59.a×b6 a×b6 60.♗g1 ♗f5 0-1

Herr,John E (1764) – Wijetunge,Ivan (1892) [B16] (4), 17.08.2014

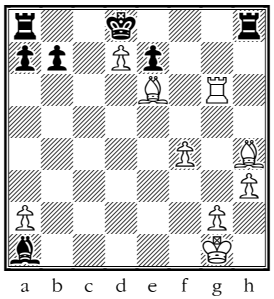
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♘f6 5.♘×f6+ g×f6 6.♘f3 ♗g4 7.♗e2 ♕c7 8.♗d2 ♖g8 9.♗e3 ♘d7 10.♕d2 e6 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.♔b1 ♗d6 13.g3 ♘b6 14.♘h4 ♔b8 15.♗×g4 ♖×g4 16.♕e2 f5 17.h3 ♖gg8 18.♕h5 ♘d5 19.♕e2 f4 20.g×f4 ♗×f4 21.♗×f4 ♕×f4 22.♕e5+ ♔c8 23.♕×f4 ♘×f4 24.c3 ♖d5 25.♘f3 ♖f5 26.♘e5 ♘e2 27.♘g4 ♖g6 28.♖d2 ♘f4 29.♘e5 ♖g2 30.♘g4 ♖h5 31.♘e3 ♖g6 32.♘c4 f6 33.f3 ♖g3 34.♘d6+ ♔d7 35.♘e4 ♖g6 36.h4 b6 37.♖dh2 f5 38.♘g5 ♔e7 39.♔c2 h6 40.♘h3 ♖g2+ 41.♖×g2 ♘×g2 42.♘f2 ♖×h4 43.♖×h4 ♘×h4 44.f4 ♘g2 45.♘d3 ♘e3+ 46.♔d2 ♘d5 47.♔e2 ♔d6 48.♔f3 ♘f6 49.♘e5 h5 50.♔g3 ♔d5 51.♔f3 b5 52.♘d3 ♘d7 53.♘b4+ ♔d6 54.♘c2 a5 55.♘e3 c5 56.♘c2 ♔d5 57.♘e3+ ♔d6 58.♘c2 ♘b6 59.d×c5+ ♔×c5 60.♘d4 ♔d5 61.♘×b5 ♘c4 62.b3 ♘d2+ 63.♔g3 ♘e4+ 64.♔h4 e5 65.c4+ ♔e6 66.f×e5 ♔×e5 67.♔×h5 ♔f6 68.♘d4 ♘c5 69.♘f3 ♘d3 70.a3 ♘c5 71.b4 a×b4 72.a×b4 ♘d3 73.b5 ♘c5 74.♔h4 ♘b7 75.♔g3 ♘c5 76.♔f4 ♔e6 77.♘d4+ ♔f6 78.♘×f5 ♔e6 79.♘d4+ ♔d6 80.♔f5 ♘b7 81.♘b3 ♔c7 82.♔e5 ♔b6 83.♔d5 ♔c7 84.c5 ♘d8 85.♘a5 ♔b8 86.♘c6+ 1-0

Marshall,Kenneth (1564) – Takahashi,Michael (1402) [C02] (4), 17.08.2014

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 h6 6.♗e2 ♕b6 7.0-0 c×d4 8.c×d4 ♘ge7 9.♘bd2 ♘×d4 10.♘×d4 ♕×d4 11.♖e1 ♘c6 12.♘f3 ♕b6 13.a3 ♗c5 14.♖f1 a5 15.♕c2 ♗d7 16.♗d2 ♖c8 17.♕b1 a4 18.g3 ♘d4 19.♘×d4 ♗×d4 20.♗c3 0-0 21.♔g2 ♗c5 22.♕d3 d4 23.♗d2 ♗c6+ 24.♔g1 ♖fd8 25.♖fe1 ½-½

Annotated by Arshaq Saleem:

Saleem,Arshaq (2077) − Acosta,Mariano (2210) [D85] (5), 18.08.2014
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.c×d5 ♘×d5 5.e4 ♘×c3 6.b×c3 ♗g7 7.♘f3 0−0 7...c5 **8.♗e2** I remember this makes the line bad as there is no ♕a5+ **8...c5 9.0−0 ♘c6** 9...♕a5 10.♗e3! ♕×c3 11.♖c1 ♕a3 12.♖×c5↑White has the initiative **10.♗e3 c×d4 11.c×d4 ♗g4 12.d5!** White can play this way because Black's dark−squared bishop is very strong, and White will win back the exchange usually, anyway **12...♗×f3** 12...♗×a1 13.♕×a1 ♘a5 14.♗h6 White gets the exchange back because he is threatening mate and the rook, so Black will have to play f6 14...f6 15.♗×f8 ♕×f8 16.♕d4 White has an advantage as Black's knight is out−of−play and the pawn on a7 needs tending to **13.♗×f3 ♘e5 14.♗e2 f5 15.f4 ♘g4 16.♗×g4 ♗×a1 17.e×f5! ♗f6** 17...g×f5 18.♗×f5! ♖×f5 19.♕g4+ ♔h8 20.♕×f5± White is simply up a pawn **18.f×g6 h×g6 19.♗e6+ ♔g7 20.♖f3** Black has no defense to the conquest of the g−pawn, which will give me two pawns for the exchange and a strong attack **20...♖h8 21.♖g3 ♔f8** Black jettisons the pawn in an attempt to avert my attack, and this is probably the best try **22.♖×g6 ♕a5 23.h3** 23.♕g4 ♕e1# This would not be good **23...♔e8 24.d6** 24.♕g4 ♔d8 25.♖g8+ ♔c7 White doesn't win material and Black has re−connected his rooks **24...♔c3!** A very strong move forcing me to acquiesce to the trade of queens **25.♗f2 ♕a1 26.♕×a1 ♗×a1 27.d7+ ♔d8 28.♗h4**

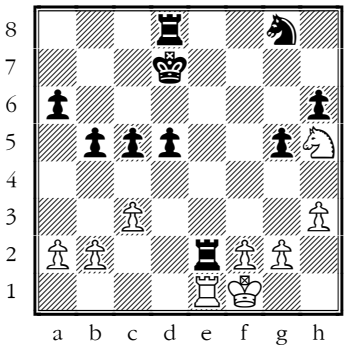


I was confident that this ending was winning because I have two pawns (one of them on d7) for the exchange and his rooks are dominated. **28...♗d4+** 28...♖×h4 29.♖g8+ ♔c7 30.♖c8+! I queen next move with check **29.♔f1 a5 30.♗g4 ♖a6 31.♖×a6 b×a6 32.♗g5 ♗f6 33.♗e6!** Facilitating the advancement of my strong kingside pawns **33...♔c7** 33...♗×g5 34.f×g5 ♖h5 35.g6 ♖g5 36.♗f7 ♔×d7 37.h4 ♖g4 38.h5 e5 39.h6 ♔e7 40.h7 ♖h4 41.g7+- **34.h4 ♔d6 35.f5 ♗e5 36.g4 ♖b8 37.♗e3** Removing my bishop to unleash my pawn avalanche **37...♔c7 38.g5 ♖d8** My opponent tries to hold the bishop ending with an exchange sacrifice, but there is no salvation **39.h5 ♖×d7 40.♗×d7 ♔×d7 41.h6 ♔e8 42.g6 ♔f8 43.♔e2** Black can't stop ♔d3 followed by ♗d4 which will either transition into a winning king and pawn end−game or will allow me to queen my h−pawn. **1-0**

Annotated by Robert Keating:

Keating,Robert (2167) − Madison,Jeremy (2095) [C96] (5), 17.08.2014
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0−0 b5 6.♗b3 ♗e7 7.♖e1 0−0 8.h3 avoiding the Marshall Gambit. **8...d6 9.c3 ♘a5 10.♗c2 c5 11.d4 ♘c6 12.d5 ♘b8** an unusual move, but with the center locked such maneuvering is okay. Each side should be looking for the opti−mal placement of its pieces before making a breakthrough. **13.♘bd2 ♖e8 14.♘f1 ♗f8 15.♘g3 g6 16.♗e3 ♘bd7 17.♕d2 ♘b6 18.♗d3 ♗g7** Now, ♘b×d5 is a threat, although the final position after the forced sequence appears to be better for White. 18...♘b×d5? does not work due to the fragile nature of the ♘f6. 19.e×d5 e4 20.♗g5! e×f3 21.♖×e8 ♕×e8 22.♗×f6+-. **19.♗g5 ♕c7 20.♖ac1 ♖f8 21.♗h6 ♗d7 22.♘h4 ♕d8** Black accurately parries White's ambitions on the kingside. **23.♗g5** 23.♗×g7 ♔×g7 24.♕g5 ♘g8 25.♘hf5+ ♗×f5 26.♘×f5+ ♔h8 27.♕×d8 ♖fxd8 28.♘e3. **23...♘c8 24.♖f1 ♘e7 25.♗h6 ♘e8** Now, the undefended ♘h4 is a liability. **26.♗×g7 ♔×g7 27.♘f3** 27.f4!? ♘×d5 28.♘×g6 f×g6 29.e×d5 e×f4 30.♖×f4 ♖×f4 31.♕×f4 ♕e7. **27...f5** Black gets his break, but White appears to have enough activity to fight back. **28.e×f5 ♗×f5** 28...g×f5 29.♘h5+ ♔g8 30.♗e2 ♘f6 31.♘g5 ♘g6 32.g3; 28...♘×f5 29.♘e4. **29.♘g5 ♘c7 30.♖cd1** 30.♗×f5 ♘×f5 *(30...g×f5 31.♖cd1)* 31.♘3e4. **30...♗×d3** 30...♘e×d5? 31.♗×f5 g×f5 32.♕×d5! ♘×d5 33.♘e6++-. **31.♕×d3 h6 32.♘e6+ ♘×e6 33.d×e6 d5 34.♕e3 ♔c7 35.♖fe1** In a tense struggle with careful moves by both sides, White preserves an advantage due to the fact that 35...e4 fails tactically. **35...♖ad8** 35...e4? 36.♘×e4 d×e4 37.♖d7+-. **36.♕×e5+ ♕×e5 37.♖×e5 ♖fe8** White has an extra pawn, but it will be hard to defend. My strategy now was to convert that extra pawn to some other advantage. Unfortunately, my exe−cution of the plan was less than precise. **38.♖e2 ♔f6 39.♖ed2 ♔×e6 40.♘e2** White has returned the pawn and has a kingside majority and pressure against Black's queenside pawns and exposed king; however I'm sure Black got

the pawn back at a bargain since he didn't really have to do work for it. **40...g5 41.♖e1 ♔d6 42.♘g3 ♔c6? 43.♖de2?** missing a golden opportunity. 43.♖e6+! ♖d6 44.♖e5 ♔d7 45.♖de2 ♖f6 46.♘h5 ♖g6 47.f4 g×f4 48.♘×f4 ♖d6 49.♘d3 ♖c6 50.♖5e3 d4 51.c×d4 c×d4 52.♖e4 ♖c7 53.♖×d4+ ♔c8+-. **43...♔d7 44.♘h5?!** I miscalculated and thought I was clearly winning due to the unstoppable ♘f6; however, I failed to notice that Black had a way to stop it. **44...♘g8□ 45.♔f1 ♖×e2** Black offered a draw here, which



would have been a respectable result for this game; however, I felt that there was still much more play in the position and was not too short on time. **46.♖×e2 ♖e8 47.♖×e8** Although it seems that I'm now forcing a draw, I noticed that I could draw Black's king away from the center and get a protected passed pawn, which I thought that might be a good enough advantage to play for a win. I at least did not believe I would have a significant chance of losing. **47...♔×e8 48.f4! ♔f7** 48...g×f4? loses a pawn. 49.♘×f4 ♘f6 50.♘e6 ♘e4 51.♘c7+ ♔e7 52.♘×d5+. **49.f5 ♘e7 50.g4 ♘c6 51.♔e2** White must be careful since his knight is out of play and the kingside pawns could be destabilized if Black were to play h5 at the right time. Also, there will be many forks to watch out for and the a−, b−, and h−pawns may be difficult to defend. **51...a5 52.♘g3 ♘e5 53.♘f1 d4?** This helps White since it creates a Black weakness that his king and knight cannot cooperate to defend. He would have done better to simply improve the placement of his king. 53...h5? 54.g×h5 ♔f6 55.♘e3+-; 53...♔e7 54.♘d2 ♔d6 55.♘f3 ♘×f3 56.♔×f3 ♔e5=. **54.c×d4 c×d4 55.♘d2 h5?** This simply doesn't do what it is intended to and g5 becomes yet another weakness for Black. **56.♘f3** 56.g×h5 ♔f6 57.h6 ♔×f5 58.h7 d3+ 59.♔e3 ♘f7 60.♔×d3 ♔g6 61.♔d4 ♔×h7 62.♔c5+-. **56...♔f6?** Now, without the knights the king and pawn ending is easily won for White. 56...d3+ 57.♔e3 ♘c4+ 58.♔×d3 ♘×b2+ 59.♔d4 h×g4 60.h×g4 ♔f6 61.♘d2 b4 62.♘e4+ ♔e7 63.♘×g5+-. **57.♘×e5 ♔×e5 58.♔d3 ♔d5 59.g×h5 ♔e5 60.h6 1-0**

Liang,Adream (1848) − Brashaw,Daniel (2162) [B22] (5), 17.08.2014
1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗c4 ♘b6 6.♗b3 c4 7.♗c2 ♘c6 8.d4 c×d3 9.♕×d3 d6 10.e×d6 ♕×d6 11.0−0 ♕×d3 12.♗×d3 ♗d6 13.♘bd2 0−0 14.♘c4 ♘×c4 15.♗×c4 a6 16.♗e3 b5 17.♗d3 ♗b7 18.♖fd1 ♗c7 19.♖d2 ♖fd8 20.♖ad1 ♘e7 21.♘d4 ♗d5 22.♘b3 ♘c6 23.♗e2 f6 24.♘c5 ♘e5 25.b3 ♗a5 26.f4 ♘f7 27.b4 ♗b6 28.f5 ♖e8 29.f×e6 ♗×e6 30.♗f3 ♖a7 31.♗d4 ♗c4 32.a3 ♘e5 33.♗×e5 ♖×e5 34.♗d5+ ♗×d5 35.♖×d5 ♖×d5 36.♖×d5 ♖c7 37.♔f1 ♗×c5 38.b×c5 ♔f7 39.♔e2 ♔e6 40.♖d6+ ♔e5 41.♖×a6 ♖×c5 42.♔d3 h5 43.♖a5 g5 44.a4 ♖d5+ 45.♔e3 b×a4 46.♖×a4 f5 47.g3 ♖b5 48.h4 ♖c5 49.h×g5 ♖×c3+ 50.♔f2 ♖c2+ 51.♔f3 ♖c6 52.♖h4 ♖c3+ 53.♔g2 ♖c2+ 54.♔h3 ♖c1 55.♖a4 ♖h1+ 56.♔g2 ♖c1 57.♖a5+ ♔e6 58.♖a6+ ♔f7 59.♖f6+ ♔g7 60.♖×f5 ♔g6 61.♖a5 ♖c4 62.♔h3 ♖b4 ½-½

Wan,Joseph C (2027) − Herr,John E (1764) [B19] (5), 17.08.2014
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♗f5 5.♘g3 ♗g6 6.h4 h6 7.♘f3 ♘d7 8.h5 ♗h7 9.♗d3 ♗×d3 10.♕×d3 e6 11.♗e3 ♘gf6 12.0−0−0 ♘g4 13.♔b1 ♘×e3 14.f×e3 ♗e7 15.♘e4 ♕c7 16.g4 0−0−0 17.♖df1 ♖df8 18.c4 ♔b8 19.♘c3 ♖d8 20.♖hg1 ♗f6 21.♘e4 ♖hf8 22.g5 h×g5 23.♘f×g5 ♗×g5 24.♘×g5 ♘f6 25.♘h7 ♖g8 26.♘×f6 g×f6 27.♖×g8 ♖×g8 28.♕h7 ♕g3 29.♕×f7 ♕g2 30.♕×f6 1-0

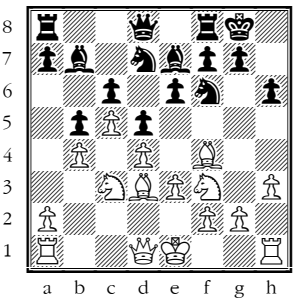
Kosokin,Valeriy (2310) − Zhang,Jiahua (1832) [B40] (5), 17.08.2014
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d3 d5 4.♘bd2 ♘c6 5.c3 ♘f6 6.♗e2 ♗d6 7.0−0 0−0 8.♖e1 d4 9.♘c4 e5 10.♗g5 b5 11.♘a3 a6 12.c4 b4 13.♘b1 ♗b7 14.g3 ♗e7 15.♗×f6 ♗×f6 16.h4 ♗e7 17.♘bd2 ♕d7 18.♘h2 f5 19.e×f5 ♕×f5 20.♘e4 ♖ae8 21.♗g4 ♕f7 22.♘f1 ♖d8 23.♘fd2 ♘b8 24.a3 ♘d7 25.♗×d7 ♖×d7 26.a×b4 c×b4 27.♕a4 ♕f5 28.♖ac1 ♗×h4 29.g×h4 ♕g4+ 30.♔f1 ♖df7 31.♖e2 ♕h3+ 32.♔e1 ♕h1+ 33.♘f1 ♗×e4 34.d×e4 d3 35.♖d2 ♕×e4+ 0-1

2014 Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions – Arshaq Saleem

I was privileged to represent Iowa at the annual Barber K-8 Tournament this year. It was held in the Rosen Center in Orlando, Florida from (July 26th to July 29). I was representing the K-8 section this year, and it was quite a competitive section with 10 masters and several experts. We flew in on July 25, one day before the start of the tournament. The next day, there was an opening ceremony recognizing the Denker, (9th-12th grade), Barber (K-8th grade), and the NGIT (National Girls Invitational). The first round was at 7:00 p.m. I ended up scoring 3.5/6, which is OK, but I was really hoping for a better performance. In the first round I played Avery Brewer (1112) of Mississippi with White. After a slightly passive opening from my opponent, I was able to win a pawn and then another and soon converted my extra pawns into a win. Score: 1/1. In the second round, I was thrown up onto board 4 against top seeded Advait Patel with the Black pieces, a master representing West Virginia. After an opening inaccuracy by me, I was stuck in a slightly worse middle game. I burnt a lot of time, but was able to claw my way back into the position (thanks to some indecisive play from my opponent) and entered an endgame that was approximately equal. However, instead of acknowledging the equality and making conservative moves, I spotted a way to win a pawn. It would take time, but a pawn is a pawn! I proceeded with my plan of winning his pawn, but soon realized all the tempo I was burning up to win the pawn allowed him to build up his position, so that his activity compensated for the pawn. After finally extricating my knight (the piece that won the pawn) from his territory, he was able to win his pawn back. What proceeded was a time scramble (at least from my part as my opponent had a healthy 9 minutes to think) and I only had 1 minute left. There was a 30 second increment (g 90 30 Inc), but it barely provided any thinking time. I proceeded to get a position down a pawn that I might have been able to draw provided some time, but I was not able to hold, and my opponent had an unstoppable passed c-pawn which prompted my resignation. Score: 1/2. I was a bit disappointed to have lost the game after trying hard to restore equality throughout the middle game, but in a long tournament like this you can't let one bad result get in your way or you risk a meltdown. After calming myself a little, I was able to forget about the result, and look forward to the next game in which I would invariably be playing down. Indeed my prediction was correct and I was playing with the White pieces against Kiana Hajiarbabi (1798) from Kansas.

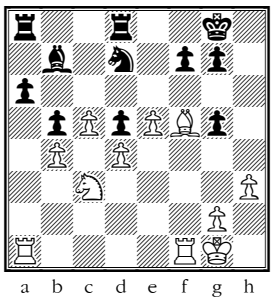
Saleem,Arshaq (2081) − Hajiarbabi,Kiana (1798) [D37] Barber K−8 Championship (3), 02.08.2014

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 ♘bd7!? This is only a good move−order if black plans on playing 5.d×c4, in response to 5.♗f4, otherwise, it reduces black's options. **5.♗f4 c6 6.e3 h6?!** This is a waste of a tempo. **7.h3 ♗e7 8.c5** Getting a tempo up from the normal line with h3. 8.c×d5 This is also probably good 8...e×d5 *(8...c×d5?!* This is a bad exchange sav *9.♗d3)* 9.♗d3 Here, h6 hurts black because the idea of ♘f8 g6 isn't as effective, however h3 is useful as in some of the modern main lines in the exchange QGD. **8...0−0 9.♗d3 b5?** I don't really understand this move. I guess the idea is to lock the queenside, but that will favor White as he can still break with e4, while e5 will be much harder for Black to achieve. 9...b6 10.b4 a5 11.a3 ♗a6 12.♗×a6 ♖×a6 13.b5 *(13.♕e2* is also good*)* 13...c×b5 14.c6 ♕c8 15.c7 b4 16.♘b5 This is a main line in the h3 line, but h6 is a wasted tempo. **10.b4 ♗b7?!** 10...a5 This is necessary to



stop me from playing a4, however after 11.a3 White is still much better as Black has no active plan to undertake in the position while White can try two ideas: 1) engineer the breakthrough with e4 or 2) effectively get in a4 to liquidate the queenside pawns while Black is still lagging in development (mainly due to the bad "bishop" on c8 that has no scope at all. The Black queen is also seriously restricted which in turn doesn't allows Black's f8-rook to help fight for queenside files. Of course White can also play some kind of waiting game and wait for Black to do something committal. **11.a4 a6 12.0−0±** White has space all across the board. **12...♕c8!** A strong move with the plan of ♗d8-c7. I

thought any other move would lead to a positionally hopeless game. **13.♕b3 ♗d8 14.♗d6 ♖e8 15.♘e5 ♗c7** 15...♘×e5 16.d×e5 ♘d7 17.f4±. **16.♗×c7 ♕×c7 17.f4 ♘×e5 18.f×e5 ♘d7 19.e4** 19.a×b5 This was extremely tempting 19...a×b5 *(19...♘×e5 20.♗e2)* 20.♗×b5 c×b5 21.♘×b5 ♕b8 22.♘d6 ♖e7 23.b5±. **19...♖f8** 19...f6 20.e×f6 ♘×f6 *(20...g×f6 21.e×d5±)* 21.e5±. **20.♕d1** Re-routing the queen to g4 where White can easily play ♖f3-g3 with a decisive attack. **20...♕d8 21.♕g4!?** I assessed that the ending was completely winning for me, and while it probably is, I might have overestimated "how winning" it is. 21.♖f3 This is what I would've done if I didn't play ♕g4. **21...♕g5** This is practically forced to avoid ♖f3-g3 with impending checkmate. **22.♕×g5 h×g5 23.e×d5 e×d5 24.♗f5 ♖fd8 25.a×b5 c×b5!?** At this point



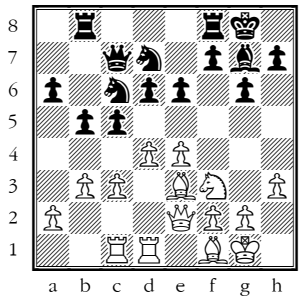
I had a huge time advantage and was looking for a win. My time continued to tick from my clock and my frustration began to increase. I was beyond belief that there was no win, so I just settled for the win of the g5-pawn. **26.♗×d7 ♖×d7 27.♖f5 g4! 28.h4?!** 28.h×g4 This is simple and winning. **28...♖f8 29.♖af1 ♖a8 30.♖5f4 a5!? 31.♖b1** 31.♘×b5?! ♗a6 32.c6 ♗×b5 33.c×d7 ♗×f1 34.♔×f1 a×b4 35.♖×g4 ♖d8. **31...♗c6 32.b×a5 ♖×a5 33.♖×g4 ♖b7 34.♖b4 ♖a1+ 35.♔h2 ♖c1 36.♖g3 ♖a1 37.♖e3 ♖a8 38.♔g3 ♖e8 39.♔f4** I had a simple plan of making a passed h-pawn. **39...♔f8 40.g4 ♔e7 41.h5 ♔e6 42.g5 ♖h8 43.♖h3 g6?** This is bad, but Black is completely lost anyways. 43...♖a8 This is better than g6, but White should win here as well with 44.h6 ♖g8 *(44...g×h6 45.♖×h6+ ♔d7 46.♖d6+ ♔c7 47.♘×d5++-)* 45.h7 ♖h8 46.g6! f×g6 47.♔g5 And Black is completely frozen while White can simply play ♘e2-f4 and pick up g6 e.g. 47...♔f7 48.♘e2 ♖bb8 49.♘f4+-. **44.h6+- ♖h7 45.♖h2 ♖h8 46.♖hb2 ♖hb8 47.♖a2 ♖h8 48.♖a6 ♔d7 49.♘×d5 ♗×d5 50.♖d6+ ♔e7 51.♖×d5 ♖h7 52.♖d6 ♖h8 53.♖f6 ♖h7 54.d5 ♖b8 55.♖c6 ♔d7 56.♖b6 ♖×b6 57.c×b6 ♖h8 58.♖×b5 1-0**

Score: 2/3.

After my 3rd round game, I was once again paired down with Henry Poston (1640) of New Mexico with the Black pieces. After somewhat passive play from my opponent, I seized the initiative and attained an advantage. After a blunder from his side, I won two pieces for a rook, which is generally good. I anxiously traded down into a pure endgame with knight and bishop vs rook. While I was obviously the preferred side, strong defensive play from him would've caused me to struggle a bit to claim the full point, but as so often in a position where you have no play, you try to lash out, and my opponent tried to do the same. He started advancing his pawns, but that only led to more weaknesses, and my pieces adopted dominant posts and I was able to win a pawn. I then gave back my two pieces for his rook to enter a king and pawn endgame where my extra pawn proved decisive as I was able to create an outside passed pawn to seal the deal. Score: 3/4. I was happy to have won two smooth games against lower-rated players but the next round would be critical to my tournament. I would once again be pitted against a strong player, Bovey Liu, of Texas, on Board 3.

Liu,Bovey (2206) – Saleem,Arshaq (2081)
[B51] Barber K-8 Championship (5), 28.7.2014
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘c6 4.0-0 ♗d7 5.♖e1 ♘f6 6.c3 a6 7.♗f1 ♗g4 8.h3 ♗×f3 9.♕×f3 This is one of the main positions of the Moscow variation. White has the two bishops and a potential space advantage with d4, but Black has good dark-squared control and will generally fianchetto his bishop and play ♘d7 to strengthen his control of d4 followed by an eventual queenside minority attack with b5-b4 to chip away at White's queenside **9...g6 10.d3** With this, White adopts a slow build-up. He will retreat his queen followed by ♘d2-f3, ♗e3 and an eventual d4 **10...♗g7 11.♘d2 0-0 12.♕e2!?** I saw he was trying to go ♘f3, ♗e3, d4, as I alluded to earlier, but this square is very odd. I was expecting ♕d1 with the same plan, but the queen leaves the d-file open for White's queen rook **12...♖b8?** A complete waste of a tempo. It conveniently also "un-defends" my a6-pawn, and this move justifies my opponent's queen retreat. 12...b5 This is obviously better 13.♘f3 ♘d7 14.♗e3 b4⇄ **13.♘f3 ♘d7 14.♗e3 b5 15.d4 ♖b6?!** I was trying to defend a6 to push b5-b4. I now feel the burn of 12.♖b8. b4 isn't

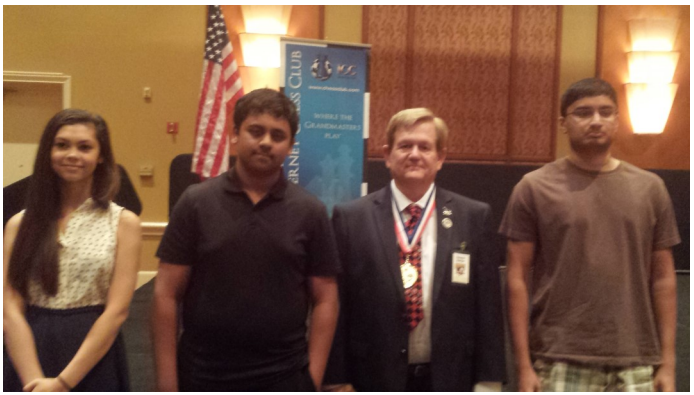
possible because of ♕×a6, when I just don't have enough compensation for a pawn. For better or for worse I should have tried a5, but I feared a4, and if I play b4, I thought he could play d5 and c4 to lock up the position, but I can still maybe open it up with e6. ♖b6 is quite bad, and I end up wasting 3 tempi moving my rook to b8, b6, and back **16.♖ed1 ♕c7** 16...♕b8 **17.♖ac1 ♖bb8 18.b3!** A strong prophylactic move that decreases the sting of b4 **18...e6!?**



Anticipating d5, as I get a decent Benoni structure with my pawn already of b5 **19.g4?** As so often in chess, you can be playing a brilliant game but one move is all you need to mess it up. This is a very loosening move that gives Black unnecessary possibilities. The more restrained g3, with the idea of ♗g2 was better **19...f5!?** An all or nothing move. 19...♖be8! This turns out to be even stronger, and Black cannot be prevented from playing f5 e.g. 20.♗g2 f5! 21.d5 e×d5 22.e×d5 ♘ce5 And Black has active counterplay **20.♘g5 ♖be8 21.g×f5 e×f5 22.e×f5 ♖×f5 23.♕g4 ♘f6 24.♕g2 ♘d5 25.♗d3 ♘×e3 26.f×e3 ♖f6** 26...♖ff8? This gets smoked after 27.♘×h7! ♔×h7 28.♕×g6+ ♔g8 29.♕h7+ ♔f7 30.♖f1+ **27.♕d5+ ♔h8 28.♗e4 ♘e7** 28...♘d8 Suggested by my opponent after the game, but this looks kind of passive, and the thought just never crossed my mind during the game **29.♘f7+ ♔g8 30.♘h6+** I thought I could play on, which was my original intention, but I probably can't **30...♔h8** 30...♔f8? This was my original intention 31.♕g5 d5 This was my idea 32.♖f1! Suggested by my opponent is very strong for White **31.♘f7+ ♔g8 32.♘h6+** And both sides are forced to take the perpetual. **½-½**

Score: 3.5/5.

My last round game was played against another master, Michael Chen of Michigan. This game could not have gone worse. After miss-evaluating a position out of the opening, my opponent attained a very active position. I was playing very sloppily and I even missed a chance to get back in the driver's seat. My opponent played very well and put a lot of pressure on my position and was able to win a pawn, afterword there was nothing left but the crying. I tried hard to make the technical aspect of the game hard on my opponent but he converted it smoothly into the win, and I was left with 3.5/6 at the final buzzer. As said, I was expecting a better outcome, but you can't always do well on your first outing. On the brighter side, Kushan, the Denker representative had a good tournament. He won several upset prizes. Congratulations to him on a great tournament! Teresa Knecht was the Girls representative for Iowa. This year they introduced awards for state team championship by taking combined score of Denker, Barber and NGIT. We came close for our section. I would like to thank Life Master Tim McEntee for helping me with some last-minute preparation and the Iowa Chess Association for all of its support. Thank you!



Iowa representatives with Dewain Barber, (from left to right) Teresa Kneckt, Arshaq Saleem, Dewain Barber, and Kushan Tyagi.

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It so happens that I myself had to play a very long game at the Iowa Open this year. In the fourth round I found myself playing a lengthy endgame that finally ended on move 86. Both my opponent and I were down to under two minutes on the clock, and I do not think anyone who watched the game could have blamed us. In a game without increment – say, a game using d5 - we would have had to play extremely fast throughout the endgame, potentially spoiling in time trouble a game that had hitherto, at least to us, been the product of skillful generalship. With the increment, however, we were able to complete the end of the game in a manner consistent with what had preceded it.

In researching this topic, I came across the following proposal: Instead of using increment, why not just give the players more time from the beginning? That is, instead of playing G/60 inc/30, why not just use G/90, which would be the total time possible given sixty moves at G/60 inc/30? Indeed, if 30 more minutes were simply added to the base time, a player could use that extra time whenever and however he pleases, instead of having it dispensed to him gradually as increment does. All this really means, though, is that the dilemma described in the fifth paragraph occurs again, just at a different scale. The number of moves in the game, an unknown random variable, has more influence in the G/90 game than it does in the G/60 inc/30 game, which is exactly what we are trying to avoid with increment.

An argument against increment that is valid is that it allows a player to play repetitive moves in order to gain more time on the clock. While this is true, it should be noted that this does not improve the position on the board, and such opportunities are not reliably available. Also, playing repetitive moves allows the opponent to gain back time as well. Controls that give players more time at moves 40 or 60 suffer from the same problem, but are still popular. Indeed, the issue seems rather minor, and the benefits of increment far outweigh it.

Sometimes, though, there simply is not enough time to schedule a tournament with 30-second increment and a sufficient base time. (G/60 inc/30 seems fine, but G/45 inc/30 may not allow enough time during the meat of the middlegame in proportion to the increment.) In these cases, I would like to note that using a somewhat shorter increment of 10 or 15 seconds is a significant improvement to d5 that does not increase game lengths too much. A longer delay like d10 or d15 would also be much better than d5. My preference, though, is to use increment rather than delay, which preserves the true move time differential between the two players: With a 15-second delay, a player who moves in 2 seconds gains no time advantage over a player who moves in 15 seconds, but with a 15-second increment, he ends up with 13 more seconds on his clock.

Lastly, I would like to point out another nice benefit that 30-second increment gives: Players are required to record their moves at all times, even when they have less than 5 minutes left. Incomplete score sheets would be a thing of the past.

To summarize, the d5 controls we currently use permit a regular game to become a blitz game, which is something the players cannot be held responsible for avoiding in light of the fact that the number of moves that the game will last is unknown. Therefore, for the sake of circumventing as much as possible the mixing of blitz and regular chess, it is desirable to establish a minimum amount of time per move that allows for some reflection, and not just the time needed to move a piece. Thirty-second increment is the worldwide standard and the most preferable solution if time constraints allow, but i10, i15, d10, and d15, would be substantial improvements to d5 as well.

I hope that this article has given a new and more informed perspective on increments, and that such controls may be seen more frequently in Iowa in future.

We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations. — Charles R. Swindoll

“I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.” — Thomas Edison

“Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten.” — Neil Gaiman, *Coraline*

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Tournament directors Bill Broich (left) and Mark Capron (third from left) with Adream Liang (second from left) and Awonder Liang (right) after the Iowa Open.